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Appeal to voters for support on EU

Don't bind my hands, says Major

JOHN MAJOR tried a lastditch gamble to turn the European issue to his advantage last night as he appealed over his party to the country to accept the sense of his negotiate-and-decide policy on the single currency.

As the Tory revolt against his approach gathered pace, the Prime Minister scrapped existing campaigning plans for the day to confront the "central issue" - Europe.

Abandoning plans to focus on the jobless figures at the the Conservatives' daily press conference, he he made a passionate plea which seemed to be directed at the press and public as much as his riven party. "Whether you agree with me or disagree, whether you like me or loathe me don't bind my hands." And he urged his colleagues not to send him "naked into the conference chamber" by rul-ing out membership of a

single currency He also ditched an election broadcast focusing on Labour and filmed another in which he asked the country to accept the importance of staying in the negotiations. But he emphasised more strongly than ever that any decision to go into monetary union would only happen after a referendum: "I will not take Britain into a single currency; only the British nation can do that."

Mr Major's appeals came against the background of about 180 Tory candidates declaring themselves against monetary union in their election addresses. Two ministers have also breached the gov-



Peter Riddell Leading article

ernment line and several more are sailing close to the wind.

Mr Major yesterday said that the openly hostile ministers - James Paice and John Horam - had been foolish, unwise and unhelpful. But he did not sack them, prompting charges of weak leadership from Labour and the Liberal

Tony Blair plunged in the knife by expressing pity for Mr Major. In some ways, I feel sorry for Mr Major in this position. He's got a very difficult situation because his party is virtually incapable of



It's OK. I've just been

being led properly. But if it is

incapable of being led then it's incapable of governing."

Mr Major, knowing that any attempt to focus on yester-day's improved jobs figures would be overshadowed by Europe, decided overnight to make the best of a bad job and go on the offensive. In an unscripted statement

he gave no ground to the sceptics, spelling out the potential advantages of EMU as well as its risks. No one could tell whether the currency would be a good or a bad thing for Britain, he said. He would "negotiate in the interests of the United Kingdom as a whole, not in the convenient party political interests of the Conservative party".

He admitted that it would be splendidly decisive if he were to rule the whole scheme in or the whole scheme out. But he added: "So splendidly decisive you would send the British Prime Minister naked into that conference chamber with nothing to negotiate, with nothing to wring the best deal out of our partners."

Any hopes that his tough attitude would encourage all his ministers to fall into line were soon dashed, however. The transport minister John Watts went close to breaching the line by saying that he would resign if a Tory government backed a single currency. And the Education Minister Eric Forth defended an election leaflet in which he opposed "any further transfer powers from Britain to Europe". When asked wheth-Continued on page 2. col 6



Supporting role: Lord Attenborough out on the election campaign trail for Labour in Hebden Bridge yesterday

Win or I die, says Lord Dickie

By Damian Whitworth

LABOUR's latest secret weapon travels in style. Lord Attenborough flew to Yorkshire yesterday and then took to the highways of Bronte country in a gleaming open-topped 1922 Morris Oxford.

Attenborough, 73 years old and the veteran of more than 60 films, either as star, producer or director, has in the past played minor walk-on parts at general elections and appeared as an extra in the occasional by-election drama. But after taking the Labour whip in the Upper House he decided he would make the campaign a full-time job. Arriving back

from business in the United States last week, he was handed an itinerary to rival those of the party leaders. Today he will link up with Tony Blair to travel to Scotland where he will not restrict himself to speaking purely on arts policy. "I'm off with Tony to Edinburgh and I'm out most days right up to the election," he

His motivation is simple. "I think I will die this time if we don't win. I shall feel like going abroad if Labour lose but I won't because I couldn't live anywhere else. I nearly left when Margaret

Thatcher won. Yesterday he bowled up in Hebden

tive marginal of Calder Valley, much favoured by hippies and folk musicians with rat-sized dogs on pieces of string.

He became very exercised when a local man innocently asked if he was a Labour luvvie. "It's easy alliteration and derogatory to a profession worthy of more than that. I think that's rather a silly name. I've never called anyone luvvie in my life. I call them darling but that has nothing to do with me being some ridiculous theatrical type, but has more to do with the onward march of sentility. I can't remember anyone's name so I call them

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Official: spring is in the air for eight more days

By Nigel Hawkes

SPRING is arriving a week earlier than in the Seventies, a satellite study has shown. Across the northern hemisphere, above a line running roughly through Boston. Bordeaux and Vladivostok, plants are stirring into life sooner each spring, and growing for longer in the autumn, measurements suggest.

The change coincides with years that have set new records for average temperatures, and will be no surprise to British gardeners facing water cuts this spring. But it is impossible to tell whether the changes are natural climate variability or evidence of man-

made global warming.

Spring normally starts at the end of March or early April, when growth accelerates sharply. It goes on in-creasing until late June, then begins to decline. The new figures suggest that during the Eighties growth both began earlier and continued for longer - increasing the growing season by about 12 days eight in spring and four in

Other things being equal, a longer growing season would support a wider range of crops but factors such as changing rainfall are likely to be as important.

A team led by Dr Ranga Myneni, of the Department of Geography at Boston University in Massachusetts, reports in Nature that they took data from radiometers on three weather satellites operated by the US National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration. The instruments can detect plant growth because of the way green leaves absorb and reflect radiation. The results show that between 1981 and 1992 plant growth increased by 10 per cent.

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Most people want to wait and see on single currency

By PETER RIDDELL

A CLEAR majority of the public supports John Majors negotiate and decide policy on a single currency, though a new MORI poll for *The Times* shows the Tories are failing to make inroads on Labour's commanding lead. The poll, taken on Tuesday.

provides scant comfort for the Conservatives two weeks be-fore polling day. Labour is unchanged on 49 per cent compared with last week, but the Tories are down two points at 32 per cent. The Liberal Democrats and Referendum Party are both up a point at 13 per cent and 2 per cent. The small change in the Labour lead is statistically

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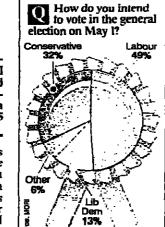
Record number to fight election

dates will stand in the general

irrelevant. But the new figures show that the advance at the start of the campaign which led to a sharp improvement in the Tory rating a week agohas not been sustained. Other questions, such as who would make the most capable Prime Minister and which party's policies would improve living standards, all support Labour's strong position.

The poll underlines the shift of opinion in a Euro-sceptic direction. However, nearly three-fifths of the public, including Tory supporters, en-dorse Mr Major's line that "Britain should keep open its options on a single currency and decide whether or not to ioin when the preparations have developed further". Only a third believe "Britain should now rule out joining the first group of countries to form a

single currency". However, nearly three-fifths of the public would oppose Britain being part of a single currency in any referendum, with just over a fifth in favour. Tory supporters are four to one against joining.



For the first time since the early 1980s, the public is evenly split on whether Britain should remain in the EU. Support for membership is highest among young people and the middle classes and lowest among the retired and unskilled workers.

The poll confirms that a sizeable minority of people may change their vote and that an increasing number may be prepared to shift to the Liberal Democrats.

MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1.137 adults at 85 sampling point on April 15. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote 16 per cent), are undecided (12 per cent), or who refuse to name a party (3 per cent).

Jobless total down 41,000

Unemployment fell last month by 41,000 to 1.7 million, marking the thirteenth consecutive monthly drop. Unadjusted unemployment fell by 82,506 to 1,745,278, a rate of 6,2 per cent. The jobless rate is down by 1.7 per cent on a year ago, with a fall of 31.100 in male unemployment and a drop of 10,000 in female unemployment......page 29

Merchant bank is fined £2m

Morgan Grenfell was fined a record £2 million after being found guilty by a City watchdog of breaching unit trust rules, putting at risk the funds of 90,000 investors. Three Morgan Grenfell European unit trusts were managed by Peter Young, who is under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office Page 29

Reuters facing 2000 'timebomb'

Reuters has admitted that even its most sophisticated information products could be badly hit by the "millennium bomb." Peter Job, chief executive, said that computer problems in recognising the year 2000 were "a very serious ramifications" Page 29

Nurse jailed

A nursery nurse who knocked a retired major-general to the ground when he accused her

Writer dismissed after drugs claim

By BILL FROST

accused yesterday of taking drugs while travelling on John Major's election jet.
The writer, a self-confessed

former heroin addict who "kicked the habit" in 1986, has been dismissed as a columnist for The Observer after "failing to deny the allegations", which are being investigated by

Mr Self, 36, was allegedly

seen "acting oddly" aboard Mr Major's aircraft last Thursday after spending "a long time in the lavatory".

The Observer issued a statement saying: "Serious allega-tions have been made against Will Self which today he has

failed to deny. As a result, his contract with The Observer has been terminated." But Mr Self, who has worked for the newspaper for 19 months and also contributes to its stablemate, The Guardian, said: "There is not a shred of truth in this story it is a ridiculous farrago." He went on to describe the allega-

tions - which are believed to

have been made by a Sunday

newspaper reporter whose editor declined to publish the story - as "a sad defamation". A Tory source said: "Allegations of a serious nature were brought to our attention on Saturday. We have discussed the matter with Mr Will Hutton, editor of The Observer. and brought the matter to the attention of the police."

Scotland Yard said: "We are

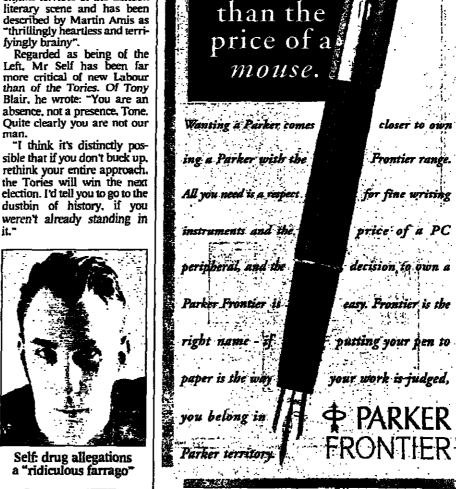
THE author Will Self was aware of reports of the alleged use of a controlled drug. We drugs while travelling on John are not prepared to discuss this further while this infor-mation is being considered. Mr Self is an acknowledged enfant terrible of the London

> fyingly brainy".
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> Regarded as being of the Left, Mr Self has been far more critical of new Labour than of the Tories. Of Tony Blair, he wrote: "You are an absence, not a presence, Tone.

> sible that if you don't buck up. rethink your entire approach. the Tories will win the next election. I'd tell you to go to the dustbin of history, if you weren't already standing in



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What I really want, by the bishop who can name Spice Girls



named yesterday as the Church of England's trendiest bishop after a survey revealed him as the only one who could name all five Spice Girls. He said he wanted the Church to

have "street credibility".
The Right Rev Michael Nazir-Ali, who has two teenage sons, beat 31 other bishops in the trendiness stakes, as well as the Labour leader Tony Blair, who could name just three of the group, and John Major. who knew two.

Runner-up in the hip parade was the Right Rev Lindsay Urwin. Bishop of Horsham, who could name four of the girls. He has used the hit songs One of Us, by Joan Osborne, and Search for the Hero. M People, as sermon

in the survey by The Church of England Newspaper, Bishop Nazir-

Many senior clergy know their pop music and television soaps, but most cannot name the captain of the England rugby team, writes Ruth Gledhill

Ali successfully named "Baby Spice" Emma Bunton, "Ginger Spice" Geri Halliwell, "Sporty Spice" Mel Chisholm, "Posh Spice" Victoria Adams and "Scary Spice" Melanie Brown.

Unlike most other bishops, he also knew that Mulder and Scully were characters in the X-Files and that Phil de Glanville was the current English rugby captain. The Pakistani-born bishop, who became England's first Asian diocesan bishop when he appointed to Rochester in 1994, last night credited his success to the influence of his sons, Shammy, 19, and Ross, 16. He said:

"It is very important for the church to keep in touch and have street credibility. It gives you a way of reaching across the divide, and there is a divide."

Bishop Nazir-Ali, whose interests include cricket, hockey, table tennis and Scrabble, also writes poetry in English and Persian. He said he was recognised in the street for days after a recent appearance on The Big Breakfast.

The product of an Oxbridge education and formerly secretary of the Church Missionary Society, who met his English wife, Valerie, daughter of a Post Office engineer.

in church at Cambridge, he con-fessed that his preferred listening was Oasis, although he "quite liked"

the Spice Girls.
"Of course, the original Spice
Girls are in the Gospels," he said. They are the women who took spices to the tomb of Christ and found it empty: the two Marys, Salome and Joanna."

Although all the bishops surveyed had at least heard of the Spice Girls, and most could name one member, not all approved of the charttopping group. One bishop said: "Unfortunately I have heard of them." Another said: "Those are the girls who don't wear very much." One thought there was a member of the group called "Hot Spice". Others had gleaned that there was a question mark over the girls' sing-

ing ability.
The survey reporter, Jonathan

Some showed a surprising amount of knowledge of trivial spicy facts, like the amount the Spice Girls stand to make from their new book. how many albums they have sold in Britain and the fact that their first four singles have been consecutive

The bishops were less aware when it came to television. Two of the 32 questioned did not have a television set, and those who did watch television prefered soaps. naming shows including Casualty. EastEnders and Neighbours as favourites. Most knew The English Patient had won nine Oscars, and half were aware that the book and film by Irvine Welsh about drugs

was called Trainsporting.

Ten were unable to name a brand of designer clothing although one, the Right Rev John Richardson,

197 Bishop of Bedford, claimed to have mentioned Gucci underwear in a sermon. Seventeen could not name the current captain of the England rugby team, with one bishop sug-gesting it was "that man who had a bit of a thing with the Princess".

However, the bishops' efforts to be in touch with the general public at a time of shrinking church attendances won approval from Richard Benson, editor of The Face magazine, the style bible of the young He said: "They are obviously trying really hard, but that's because they have a reason to try really hard. I applaud them.

"This just goes to show how popular culture has become the medium which everyone needs to be familiar with and express themselves through. A hundred years ago they would have been steeped in

Police hunt loyalist gang over church arson attacks

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF TRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A FOUR-MAN gang of loyalist terrorists has been blamed for the most destructive of the wave of arson attacks on Roman Catholic churches in Northern Ireland.

The gang uses the simple but devastating technique of igniting the churches' oil-fired central heating systems in the early hours. Other arsonists have used weapons as simple as a lighted rag.

There have been 49 arson attacks on churches of all denominations since the beginning of 1996. There have been 45 fire attacks on Protestant Orange halls and Gaelic Athletic Association halls, run by Catholics, and 71 on

Admiral William Crowe, the American Ambassador to London, yesterday condemned the church burnings. Speaking during a visit to the Ulster American folk park in Omagh, Co Tyrone, he said: "We have repeatedly condemned the IRA's return to violence. We are equally appalled by recent attacks on places of worship."

In the latest attack, the sacristy of St Coleman's Roman Catholic Church at Annacione, near Banbridge, Co Down, was damaged in the



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Father Frank Kearney, victim of the latest of the fire attacks this year

early hours yesterday. Firemen managed to restrict serious damage to the vestry.

The priest, Father Frank Kearney, said: "There are very good community relations here, so it saddens me to see this type of destruction to a house of God, which is a very sacred thing to most people of whatever denomination.

St Peter's Catholic Church in Stoneyford, Co Antrim, was badly damaged on Tuesday after arsonists poured inflammable liquid over the altar. A rag was thrown lighted through the window of a Protestant Orange Hall in

Stewartstown, Co Tyrone. The Fire Service has distributed thousands of safety leaflets to Protestant and Catholic churches. The four-page leaflet, entitled Arson. The Major Threat to Places of Worship and How to Prevent It, advises churches to deter arsonists by placing lighting above doors and to have a rota of people to check the premises each night. Arson attacks on churches have been a common tactic in Ulster's sectarian conflict. But moderate nationalists and unionists have been dismayed by the upsurge since the disturbances at Drumcree, Co

Armagh, last July.
Archbishop Robin Earnes. Roman Catholic Primate, last week visited the remains of the 226-year-old Church of the Immaculate Conception at Mullavilly. Co Armagh, arsonists. Dr Earnes, who described the attack as a symbol of "naked, corrosive sectarianism", commiserated with Archbishop Sean Brady, the Roman Catholic Primate

of Ireland, outside the church. Seamus Mallon, the area's Social Democratic and Labour Party MP, compared the aronists to the Klu Klux Klan. He was joined at the church by David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, who expressed outrage at the

destruction. A senior Catholic bishop recently accused hardline politicians of encouraging sectari-an tension. Dr Patrick Walsh, Bishop of Down and Conor, complained about "much publicised anti-Catholic

Dr Walsh said: "There is a lot of that going on, unfortu-nately, at this time. There are people who are mouthing this day in and day out. That is bound to have an effect on people's mentalities and it is the sort of thing that can lead

to something like this." The bishop, who described church burnings as an "abonination", spoke out as he celebrated Mass in a small hall to which parishioners of MacNissis Church in Randalstown, Co Antrim, had to move after their church was burnt down.

Major plea

Continued from page I er that meant ruling out joining a single currency, Mr Forth replied: "That's what my literature says and I stand by it." Central Office said that Mr Forth was not out of step with

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, said that join-ing a single currency would entail a surrender of sovereignty to Brussels, a conclusion earlier contested by Kenneth Clarke. Mr Forsyth insisted that he backed the Government's policy, but admitted that he did not believe the single currency

would take place. There were, however, the first signs of a pro-European blacklash. The former minis-ter Raymond Whitney was appalled. "Words fail me," he said. "We spent 18 months biting our lips hoping that they would shut up and they have not. We have to get on with the real election campaign and talk about the real

Andrew Rowe, who is defending Faversham and Mid-Kent, said: "These characters are jeopardising their careers. It would be pretty pointless to sack a minister 14 days before a general election. But if John Major wins the election. which I think he will, he will be in an unassailable position to reward the people who have been loyal to him and deal

with those who have not." But Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 Committee, said that Mr Paice and Mr Horam, were expressing the views of the majority of the Conservative Party.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yacoub denies failing heart boy's parents

The pioneering heart surgeon Sir Magdi Yacoub yesterday denied failing the parents of a patient who was left braindamaged after a transplant operation at Harefield Hospital. He defended himself at the High Court against allegations that Kevin and Linda Poynter were not warned of the risks to their son, Matthew, then 16 months. He said he would not tell parents of the dangers unless specifically asked. The risk of brain damage was less than 1 per cent during heart transplant surgery. He did not consider that serious brain damage was such a common condition "that I ought to volunteer information". The Poynters are suing Hillingdon Health Authority for damages. The hearing continues.

Triple killer to return

Alan Reeve. 49, the triple killer arrested in Cork last week, has agreed not to fight extradition to Britain. He is being held at Mountjoy prison, Dublin, and could return tomor row. He was sent Broadmoor at 15 after killing a teenager. Four years later he throttled a fellow patient. In 1981 he escaped from Broadmoor and was captured a year later after shooting a policeman in Amsterdam. He was freed in 1992; the decision was overruled, but he had disappeared.

Bishops' papal visit off

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Thirty-three Roman Catholic bishops from England and Wales have been forced to cancel a five-yearly visit to Rome because the Pope's schedule has left him too tired to see them. The 20 diocesan and 13 auxiliary bishops had their flights booked and accommodation arranged for the visit and reports on each of the 22 dioceses in England and Wales had been prepared and sent to Rome for discussion. The visit is expected to take place later in the year.

Airports noise ruling

International airlines forced the Government to abandon its proposals to introduce stricter noise controls at London's three main airports. The International Air Transport Association successfully argued in the High Court that the restrictions due to be imposed at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted were based on flawed arguments. Covernment

Gang link to murder

Detectives hunting the killer of the antique jewellery dealer Carolanne Jackson are examining links to a string of violent burglaries nationwide. Ms Jackson, 50, was found murdered at her home in Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire, last weekend. Police believe she was tied up and beaten around the head after refusing to reveal the combination of her safe. Some of the 100 raids collated have been blamed on burglars known as the Quality Street Gang.

Princess gets new aide

has appointed a new secre-tary to help her to deal with correspondence and answer telephone inquiries to her office. Louise Reid-Carr, who will also stand in as the Princess's extra lady-in-waiting was hired from a secretarial agency two months ago. She has already accompanied the Princess on two official en-gagements and will earn about £22.000 a year.



Britain 'wasting water'

Billions of gallons of water which could solve the nation's water crisis at a stroke are being lost to the North Sea and Atlantic Ocean, according to the former head of the Government's water policy division. Peter McIntosh says the potential for re-using water from the country's kitchens. toilets and industry is being overlooked. In London alone millions of gallons of water a day, purified in sewage treatment works, is being pumped straight into the river.

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'Race card' fails

to keep nurse out of jail for assault

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A NURSERY nurse who floored a renred major-general with a blow to the face when he accused her of jumping a taxi queue was jailed for a year

Debbie Blaize, 21, who claimed in her defence that she had been racially abused, was branded a liar by a judge and told she had cynically decided to "play the race card" to escape the consequences.

Major-General Richard Gerrard-Wright, 69, who had told Southwark Crown Court in south London that a "screaming creature" had knocked him to the ground with one "mighty blow" after the told her to go to the back of the queue, had his glasses smashed and his eye injured. Blaize then took a kick at his

face while he was on his knees with blood pouring from his

face, the court was told. Blaize, from Southwark, was found guilty of assaulting the former Director of the Territorial Army and deputy colonel of The Royal Anglian Regiment on June 8 last year. causing him actual bodily harm. She shouted to friends in the public gallery: "What did I tell you, I am an example.

an example," and angry somes followed. One of her supporters. Farah Charles, tears streaming down her cheek, hurled abuse at Judge Christopher Hardy and ran from court but was dragged back by police to apologise to the judge.
The judge told Blaize: "The

victim in this case was a dis-

tinguished retired soldier but it would be no less serious had the victim been a tramp." General Gerrard-Wright. from Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, had come to London to celebrate his wife Susan's

birthday by going to the theatre and to have dinner. They waited 30 minutes in a taxì queue at Victoria Station for a cab. The judge said that in a "boorish display of behaviour" Blaize jumped the queue,

annoying everyone waiting.

"The general quite correctly remonstrated with you for your behaviour firmly and fairly by tapping your shoulder and asking you to go to the back of the queue . . . Your re-sponse was to turn round and deliver a mighty blow which knocked him to the ground."
The judge added: "What has

happened in your defence is the sort of thing, unfortunate ly, happening increasingly in the experience of the courts from an ethnic minority.

You quite cynically and dishonestly decided to play the

race card seeking to get politically correct sympathy with the jury and in an attempt to undermine the good name of your victim, hy alleging, be-fore the assault, that he had subjected you to a sustained period of racial abuse."

The general was not in court but later commented: "I am very relieved at the verdict. (did not utter a single word of racial abuse. I nearly lost an eye and I was always going to see this matter out."



'Baddest boy in pop' weeps at prospect of jail

chart-topping soul singer, faces up to six months in prison after being found guilty yesterday of threatening a police officer with an electric

Morrison, 24, who has de-scribed himself as the "baddest boy in the music biz", left Marylebone Magistrates' Court in London apparently in tears behind his trademark sunglasses. He has a number

of previous convictions. The singer was arrested by police who believed he was trying to rob an all-night shop in Notting Hill, west London. Richard Dearsly, a plain-clothes police officer, was in the shop at 4.30am last Octo-

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MARK MORRISON, the ber when he heard a clicking noise behind him. He turned around and saw Morrison holding a stun gun. There was one other man in the shop and a third at the door. Mr Dearsly believed a raid was

> headed for his chauffeur-driven Mercedes. Mr Cushion, also in plain clothes, tried to arrest him. But, after a brief tussle, Morrison fled, the court was told. Mr Cushion chased him and was threatened with the stun gun when a third officer struck Morrison with a baton on the back, leg

musical versatility, as well as

British soldier in West

Germany, spent many of his

formative years in Florida

before moving back to Britain

when he was 19. He said:

"When I was there, I learned

The diminutive star drips

with gold jewellery and wears

designer clothes in the style of

an 1980s American rap artist.

He is constantly surrounded

by more bodyguards than

many celebrities feel neces-

sary. Only last week he was

about hunger and ambition."

Morrison, born the son of a

a one-track mind.



Morrison, centre, arriving at court in London yesterday

A dirty Mack hailed as the future of British soul

MARK MORRISON'S stage performance involves him brandishing handcuffs, backed by female dancers clad as mini-skirted WPCs. At the Smash Hits ceremony earlier this year, he appeared on stage toting a take gun and wearing a T-shirt under his fur coat bearing the slogan

"Not guilty".

He was hailed as the future of British soul for his first hit single, Return Of The Mack, a smooth and funky number which was an accomplished assimilation of the swing beat

sound of American soul. Other hits — Crazy, Horny dropped by his management, and most recently Magn And, allegedly for his difficult Groan - have revealed his attitude.

being planned and alerted his colleague, DC John Cushion, who radioed for help.

Morrison left the shop and

He said that he was in the shop with two friends after a night spent clubbing in Oxford. One of his friends was playing with the gun in the shop until Morrison confiscated it and put it in his pocket. He fled the arresting officer because he was terrified and was trying to dispose of the gun, he told the court.
"I was in fear for my life.

Mark Morrison."

Morrison admitted having

the stun gun but denied threat-

ening Mr Cushion. Charges

that he and his friends were

trying to rob the shop were

dropped. The singer said he

bought the stun gun in Ameri-

ca last year as protection

gun through Customs, un-

Police were building up and I was being attacked from behind by a plainclothes officer who I thought was just a guy from the street, and police were in front of me. I was a young black male and I had heard so many stories."

Richard Butcher, for the defence, sought a heavy fine rather than imprisonment. He said Morrison had, through his music, generated a huge amount of money for the

David Kennett-Brown, the stipendiary magistrate, rejecting Mr Butcher's pleas, saying: "These very serious offences can only be properly dealt with by way of a custodial sentence." Four years ago, Morrison was charged with obstructing a police officer and last year he breached a community service sentence, imposed for taking part in a street brawl in which a man was killed.

Morrison, originally from Leicester, is currently No 12 in the American charts with Return of the Mack. The record has already sold 750,000 copies in Britain.

Sentencing was adjourned until May 14 for re-orts. Morrison was released on unconditional bail. The maximum sentence for the offence is six months.



Nicola Foulston: given a rough ride for suggesting women should stay at home

Ms Business says career and family don't mix

By MORAG PRESTON

NICOLA FOULSTON, who was named Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year yesterday, sparked controversy over the role of women by suggesting that mothers should give up work to stay at home with their children.

Fellow finalists in the award called Ms Foulston, the 29-year-old chief executive of Brands Hatch Leisure, "a disappointment" and other female executives claimed that they had successfully combined a family and a

Ms Fouiston, a divorcée with no children, who entered the motor racing business when her father died in 1987. was attacked for saying: "If You try to pursue a demanding career and a family life, you end up compromising on both. I don't feel it would be fair on my children and 1 don't feel it would be fair on me. I have a dream that one day I might end up retiring and having a family."

She believed that "in some respects" marriages worked better in the 1950s and 1960s when "women were used to running the home and bringing up the children".

Bridget Blow, 47, a recently divorced mother of a 13-yearold daughter, shortlisted in the award for her work as managing director of ITnet, an information technology company, rejected Ms Foulston's image of an ideal marriage based on the man as the breadwinner. "I don't think that what Nicola said is very helpful, particularly for women who so desperately need role models. I needed a husband as a good supporter to combine a career and family," she said. "With work and determination, both can be very fulfilling. My daughter knows that it's better for both of us - she knows I'm sweeter with a career to keep me occupied."

Women at the ceremony said that Ms Foulston, whose personal wealth is estimated to be at least £1.5 million, could afford help at home. Virginia Lopalco, 57, who runs Britain's leading fresh pasta company with a £20 million turnover, regretted sending her two sons to live with her mother in Italy

when she opened her first restaurant. "I felt guilty and lonely when I sent my children away - I missed the best part of their lives and had to get to know them again. But I didn't have enough money to get help. It should be easy for someone who has a good

salary and can get a nanny." Patsy Bloom, 56, co-founder of the insurance company Pet Plan and winner of the 1992 Veuve Clicquot award, who has never married, highlighted the advantages for profes-sional women in the 1990s: "I wouldn't have been able to achieve what I have with the demands of a family - but I'm not part of a modern trend. Before venture capital, everything you had went into the business. We had no money for staff or computers. so I had to do everything myself." she said.

Nicola Horlick, the senior fund manager who recently resigned from Morgan Grenfell, combined her career with her role as a mother of five young children. She said vesterday: "Of course you can have children and a career as long as you are prepared to have no time to yourself, and by that I mean luxuries like lying on a beach or reading a

"If you are prepared to make do with six hours sleep a night, then you can have a job and a family, although vou have to work sensible hours. I worked between 8am and 6pm but, if I had worked in the corporate finance department, for example, where you have to work all night, it would have been considerably harder."



Horlick: combined her career and five children

Prostitute convicted of murder

A PROSTITUTE whose murder victim tape-recorded his own death was sentenced to life in prison yesterday. Judge Pownall, QC, sitting at the Old Bailey, told Samantha Enoch. 20, that she was dangerous. devious and wicked.

The tape, made by Habib Saliba, 47, a vice-president of the Union Bank of Switzerland, recorded his screams as he was stabbed repeatedly. Enoch tried to blame her "minder", Ronnie Tampling. 27, for the murder, but she was trapped by the tape, on which her voice was clearly

audible. Mr Saliba, of Fulham, west London, had fallen in love. with Enoch and begged her to abandon prostitution. Al-though he shared his flat with her for eight months and showered her with gifts, she continued her work. Hoping that she would change, he overlooked her theft of his cash and valuables but could not forgive her when she stole

his mother's diamond ring.

Mr Saliba, who was being blackmailed by Enoch, hid the tape recorder in his flat when she and Tamplin called last June. As they argued over the return of the ring. Enoch started to stab him.

Mistress tells of her 'murder' secret

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MARRIED man's mistress kept silent for three years after he confessed to killing his wife, a court was told yesterday. Teresa Kerwin spoke up only after her relationship with David Tiernan broke up.

Mrs Kerwin said Mr Tiernan, a wealthy builder. had told her how he had faked his wife Pauline's death to look like an accident. He had said she wanted to leave him.

An inquest into Mrs Tiernan's death in 1989 ruled that she had been killed accidentally while repairing a faulty electric socket. However, after Mrs Kerwin went to the police in 1994, her body was exhumed and further tests showed that she had been smothered. Mr Tiernan, 47, denies killing his wife at their home in the east Yorkshire seaside resort of Hornsea.

Yesterday Mrs Kirwin, 35, from Hornsea, told Sheffield Crown Court she had begun an affair with Mr Tiernan in September 1983, "but he said he would never leave his wife". Their relationship ended,

but they had met again in 1988 and Mr Tiernan had said he suspected his wife was having an affair with a salesman who delivered to her gift shop in the town. "He said Pauline had asked for a divorce."

After Mrs Tiernan's death she had moved into his home. She described how on a night

in 1991 they had made love. "Afterwards he started crying and said he was so sorry. He started saying how he had planned to kill her. He said he surprised Pauline by going into the office and he said. You know why I am here'. She said, 'David please don't do this, think of the children'."

Mrs Kerwin went on: "He put his hand to her face and he demonstrated to me how he had killed her. He put his hand over her nose and mouth and suffocated her. He said he planned to tip over the fire and set fire to the room to burn the evidence.

Later he had described how he had tampered with the socket. "He placed a screwdriver next to her body so that it would like she had been electrocuted. He said he could not face people in Hornsea if Pauline walked out on him. He said they always looked the perfect couple with four perfect children."

She said she did not report his confession for the sake of his children. They had just lost one parent and I was not going to be responsible for them losing another one." The trial continues.

Homesick cat treks 90 miles

By DAREH GREGORIAN

A HOMESICK cat returned to her old house after a sixmonth, 90-mile trek across South Wales. Six-year-old Sooty went missing after the Rev Jennifer Mountford-Davies moved from Swansea to Bath last September.

Mrs Mountford-Davies's daughter. Claire, and son, Jonathan, remained in Swansea and were surprised to hear Sooty, missing and presumed dead, scratching at the door. She went missing in Bath and we thought that was the last we would see of her," Claire said. Sooty joined the family five years ago after Claire's previous cat was run over. "She came up to me and rubbed against my legs and that was it — love at first sight," she said. A flatmate had told Claire that he thought he had seen

Sooty in the garden. "I thought he must have been mistaken but we left some food out just

on Tuesday, her brother got up early to go to work and found a black cat on the doorstep. "There was no doubt it was Sooty," he said. "She had lost a lot of weight and had a few scars and scratches. No doubt she had been in a few fights along the way."

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Kray puts knife into gangland play tral character is Tony and his brother Ronnie and my broth-

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

REGGIE KRAY is not happy. The former gangland boss has been expressing his displeasure over the production of a play about his

Thirty years ago, Kray might let his displeasures be known by putting the word on the streets of London's East End. This time, he has written From Maidstone prison to the showbusiness newspaper The

The play, Inside the Firm, is based on a book of the same name by his former associate Tony Lambrianou, who was failed for 15 years for his part in the 1969 murder of Jack The Hat McVitte, for which Kray is serving life. In his



Kray: letter to The Stage

letter, Kray writes: The play Inside The Firm, which has recently been playing at The Queens Theatre, Horn-church, is said to be a production about myself and my late

er Charlie. I wish to say that neither my brother Charlie or I were ever consulted about the production and wish to dissociate ourselves from any publicity regarding this show. Our lives are well documented in many biographies, most of them accurate, and also the film The Krays, which my brother Charlie was an adviser to."

Kray's letter shocked the show's producers, who said they had obtained his consent for the play. A spokesman for the production said: "I am surprised. I don't understand why he has said this. The writer Jon Ivay interviewed Reggie before adapting the play. It is not about Reggie and Ronnie, because the cen-

work inside the firm." Brian Attwood, editor of The Stage, said: 1 am surprised he took the step of going into print, but I know he is a regular reader."

Inside The Firm goes on a

national tour next January.

McVitie was lured to an East End flat and stabbed because the Kray twins were displeased with him. Lambrianou, who said it was a very gory scene" disposed of the corpse by placing it in the back seat of a car which was subsequently crushed into a 3ft square cube. Its final location has remained a sub-

ject of speculation. At ITF productions yesterday. Mr Ivay was not available for comment.

'I didn't tell the children the news because I didn't think he would survive the night'

Wife feared worst for grenade blast husband

THE wife of a former police superintendent who threw himself at an exploding gre-nade in a restaurant in Ethiopia said yesterday that she thought he had given his life to save hers.

Pamela Davies, 50, said she did not telephone their child-ren in England because she believed her husband, Blair, could die from his injuries.

Mr Davies, 50, received severe shrapnel wounds when he threw himself between the grenade and his wife to protect her while they were dining at an Italian restaurant in Addis Ababa, where he had been working for almost a year advising on how to turn the paramilitary police into a civilian force.

I didn't ring the children on Saturday night because I didn't think he would survive the night and I didn't want to worry them because I didn't think they could do anything, she said. Asked whether she thought her husband was a hero, she answered: "I think it was iust instinctive."

The couple, who were flown home by air ambulance, spoke for the first time about their ordeal, at Northampton General Hospital yesterday. With them were their children Darren, 26, and Kerry, 24. Mr and Mrs Davies, who

live in Northampton, were dining with another former



John Bown and wife Margaret, "grateful to be alive"

size of a small pineapple. "

remember staring at it and thinking, 'How bizarre, it's a

hand grenade.' It is obvious

that we were in the act of

moving towards our wives when the blast occurred.

There are shrapnel wounds in

our feet so obviously at some

stage our feet were in the air.

that we are alive and have not

lost limbs. I am not sure how

return to Ethiopia for at least

another year. He wanted to

dispel the myth that the coun-

try was in turmoil. "It is a

very, very beautiful country. They are very, very beautiful

He said he expected to

we escaped so lightly."

"I find it quite extraordinary

police superintendent and col-league on the project, John Bown, and his wife, Margaret, when the grenade exploded. All four suffered shrapnel

"It feels like I have just finished about 45 rounds with Mike Tyson," Mr Davies said. "It is incredible to be alive, but I don't know how I am. Obviously when it happens it is a shock to the system. One never imagines these things

happening to you."

He added: "I imagine that most people standing there with their loved ones would naturally want to protect them. It was instinctive." The grenade was about the

Mr Bown, 53, speaking at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital, where he is recovering with his wife, said he thought he was going to die. "I looked down and there was a hand grenade on the floor between me and Blair. I could have reached down and picked it up - not the sort of thing you do with a hand grenade.

"I thought 'It's going to go off any second and I'm going to die.' Instinctively I jumped towards Margaret, who was sitting opposite me, to protect her, shielding my face at the

same time.
"I heard a bang then I remember thinking, God, I'm still alive.' I felt blood around my crotch and down my legs. I was bleeding quite badly. Blair and his wife had got out and I looked round for my wife, but I couldn't see her and I started to panic. She's far cooler than me, she'd managed to crawl under a table.

"On the way to hospital I couldn't breathe and I thought I was going to die. I said prayer to make my peace with God. I am just very grateful to

Mr Bown, a Methodist lay preacher from Matlock, Derbyshire, said he wished to return to Ethiopia and saw it as no more dangerous than



Blair Davies describing how he saved his wife, Pamela, sitting behind him

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Second jury fails to agree on \$1m theft at Salvation Army

THE second trial of a businessman accused of stealing more than \$1 million (£610,000) from the Salvation Army ended yesterday with the jury again unable to reach a majority verdict.

Stuart Christopher Ford, 46, from Birmingham, had denied 21 counts of theft at Southwark Crown Court, in a case that centred on an international fraud perpetrated on Salvation Army funds and which cost the charity £5.6 million. Mr Ford, who now lives in North London,

will not face a third trial. In 1992, the Salvation Army was persuaded to hand over money to invest in standby letters of credit and prime bank notes, which the charity was told could be bought at a discount and sold at a profit. The investment instruments purportedly purchased through Islamic Pan Ameri-

can, for example, did not exist. In 1993 Slaughter and May, the charity's legal advisers, started civil proceedings to recover the missing millions traced to 13 countries. By October 1995 the firm had restored the £5.6 million together with £3.1 million in

Assets bought with Salvation Army funds included the Castle Inn. a Highland pub in Dornie, and properties in Malibu. Santa Monica and Hollywood bought by Harold Glantz for himself and members of his family. Mr Glantz is being held in federal custody in the US in connection with another, unrelated, fraud.

Jim Crocker of Howell, the Birmingham law firm retained by Mr Ford, said yesterday: "Mr Ford is very relieved that two juries did not find sufficient evidence to convict him of a criminal offence. It is fair to say that Mr Ford

Dr Anna Roosevelt

A report (June 20, 1996) about Dr Anna Roosevelt's research on Amazon cave paintings said that her findings were not peer-reviewed and thus fell below accepted standards of scholarship: and that they were published in the journal Science through her having high-level contacts.

Though our report was published in good faith, we accept that these and other state ments it contained were inaccurate and misleading. Dr Roosevelt's paper was peer-reviewed and was published on its merits and for no other reason. We apologise to her for the embarrassment

Sheffield University

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By ROBERT MILLER

ave up so much of his time to help the Salvation Army and he is concerned at the substantial waste of the charity's money. Senior officers and their legal advisers have now had to sit through two lengthy criminal trials on a matter which was of no direct concern

Major Peter Smith, the charity's legal and parliamentary secretary, said: "Mr Ford has been of absolutely no assistance to us."

The major added: "Mr Ford was one of the parties to the civil action commenced by the army's solicitors. Slaughter and May. In December 1993, judgment was entered against him for \$3.3 million. That judgment was subsequently upheld in a ruling by the Court of Appeal."

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Romance 4 writer clutches prize to her bosom

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A STORY of passion in the Weish valleys yesterday earned Sue Gee the Romantic Novel of the Year Award. The Hours of the Night is her fifth book. Ms Gee, a part-time lecturer in creative writing at Middlesex University, was on a shortlist of seven for the £5,000 prize. Only one was a

Why romantic fiction is dominated by women was one of the favourite topics among the hundreds of publishers, agents and writers attending yesterday's recep-tion at the Café Royal in London. Anne Williams, publisher of Headline books. suggested that women were traditionally more interested in romance. She quoted Byron: "Man's love is of man's life a thing apart, / Tis wom-

an's whole existence." At an event dominated by women, there seemed to be a general assumption that women were more romantic than men. But what about Hardy or Tolstoy? "Oh yes." one writer acknowledged. But Ms Williams claimed that men could talk about romance, but not directly. "Look at Nick Hornby. He does it via football . . . When they say they are romantic, they are fulfilling the role of the ro-

mantic hero."

Judith Lennox. shortlisted for The Winter House, suggested that "woman are more interested in the minutiae of relationships and emotions ... which is largely what

romantic writing is about". But the male candidate for the prize, Andrew Greig, who lives in the Orkneys and who was shortlisted for The Re-turn of John MacNab, took issue with them. He insisted that he liked to write about the 'squishy, vulnerable bits" in life. Men, he said, did like talking about relationships and love, as much as about politics, the economy and jobs. Often conversation with his male friends centred on "their bleeding hearts".



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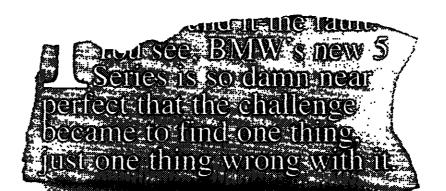
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Danger: the hills are alive with the sound of mobiles

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

CLIMBERS and walkers are relying too heavily on mobile telephones and radio beacons to get them out of trouble, says Britain's busiest mountain rescue team. Gadgets are a poor substitute for hillcraft and sensible equipment, it

"Modern technology is all well and good, but, in the hands of an idiot, could be potentially lethal," said Nick Owen, deputy leader of the Langdale and Ambleside team, which carried out \$2 rescues in the Lake District last year.

"People are always eager to use more gadgets, thinking that they are a life-saver, but really they just encourage people to forget basic skills. They should never replace hillcraft and equipment like

maps and waterproofs." The team gives a warning in its annual report about the misuse of the £140 personal locator beacons. Upwardly mobile walking enthusiasts are starting to rely on the fashionable devices, designed for vachtsmen and downed aircrews. The beacons can be

A BIOLOGIST has identified

genes that may control the

tendency to become an alcoholic by making fruit flies

Ulrike Heberlein, of the

University of California in

San Francisco, created hun-

dreds of fruit flies by genetic

engineering, then tested their tolerance of alcohol in an

ingenious experiment. She enclosed them in a large

glass cylinder called an

inebriometer" and piped in

obtained by mail order through specialist magazines for less than the price of a good

The report says that they could lure people who feel they have the ultimate SOS safeguard into a false sense of ecurity. The reality is that the position of the beacons, which are the size of a cigarette packet and send out transmissions picked up by satellite, can only loosely be fixed by rescuers as coming from with-

in 60 square miles.

Mr Owen, editor of the report, said: "Personal locator beacons cannot be used as a means of communication and, when we are alerted by one, we do not know whether it's been activated by someone reporting a heart attack or someone worried because he is late home for tea. We therefore don't know what sort of response the situation

requires.

*Like all technology, if used appropriately it is a potential lifesaver. It will hopefully not become a minor inconve-nience saver, as the dreaded mobile phone is becoming.

'Inebriometer' test on fruit fly

gives gene clue to alcoholics

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

vapour. Inside the cylinder

was a tiny staircase, at an angle of 45 degrees. As the flies

became intoxicated, they

stumbled from step to step and

finally fell to the bottom of the

cylinder, where they were

Different flies showed wide-

ly varying susceptibility. Those with the weakest heads

fell off the staircase after 13

minutes, while others hung on

for up to 32 minutes. New

Scientist reports.

Misusing this equipment wastes valuable time and money as well as delaying us getting to real emer-

Mr Owen gave his warning after an incident last October in which his team was called out to three climbers who had set out to tackle Three Tarns in the Langdale Pikes with a mobile phone and a locator beacon but in flimsy clothing and without a torch.

"A helicopter made a skinof-the-teeth trip in the growing dark," he said. "The crew eventually used night-vision goggles to spot them through a cigarette lighter we told them to flash."

Andrew McNae, of the British Mountaineering Council, said: "Everybody who goes climbing needs a strong element of personal responsi-

"People could be tempted to use a locator beacon when it wasn't appropriate. There is a great potential for misuse which needs to be addressed. Climbers needs to be educated that it is not a primary safety

flies to be sorted into a

sequence that depended on

their susceptibility to alcohol. Dr Heberlein analysed the

gene sequences and found at least five genes that appear to

Human beings and fruit flies share many genes and

previous studies have suggest-

ed that genetic predisposition helps to determine who be-

comes an alcoholic. "If we can

get a handle on the genes we

might be able to intervene,"

affect susceptibility.



Sir Norman Foster in Trafalgar Square yesterday and, below, how the pedestrianised square might look

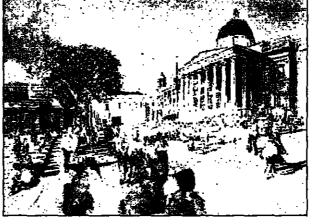
Foster's 'feet first' plan for London

By Alan Hamilton

THE architect Sir Norman Foster unveiled proposals yes-terday to reclaim the tourist heart of London for pedestrians in time for the millennium, with inevitable implications for the private motorist.

Plans include the pedestri-anisation of Trafalgar Square in front of the National Gallery and of Parliament Square outside Westminster Abbey. both heavily used traffic routes, and the restriction of Whitehall to buses and taxis. Less radical suggestions include tidying up the corner at the National Portrait Gallery and St Martin-in-the-Fields and creating a walkway from St James's Park to the Thames through Horse

Guards Parade. Sir Norman and his architectural practice have produced a range of schemes aimed at enhancing the area from Trafalgar Square to the Palace of Westminster. He was commissioned this year



which, if any, of the schemes

should be proceeded with.

Choices will be made this year

after the council has consulted the public and more than 100

interested bodies, including

Sir Norman said: "Private

cars in cities do not have the

access they once did, largely

for security reasons. Motor-

motoring organisations.

by a steering group which National Heritage, English Heritage, the Government Of-fice for London and Westmin-

ster City Council.
Sir Norman and senior officials of Westminster council emphasised yesterday that the proposals were no more than ideas at present and that no decision had been made on

to try these schemes. Why not have a three-month trial to see if they work?" Alan Bradley, chairman of

Westminster council's planning and environment committee, said the plan whould involve a balancing act between people and traffic and he agreed that, if the two main squares were partly pedestri-anised, that could lead to a big increase in traffic on streets south of the river. One proposal is to enhance

other parts of London, find

alternative routes that add

little or no time to their

journeys. I cannot believe that

a city which is so creative and

alive cannot have the courage

Whitehall, possibly restricting it to buses and taxis in one direction and creating a pave-ment feature around the Cenotaph. Sir Norman pro-poses closing the side nearest Westminster Abbey to all traffic and possibly banning cars from the side nearest the Palace of Westminster, or closing it completely.

West in East 1 NEWS IN BRIEF Windscreen washers win

legal fight Three roadside windscreen washers were given permission to carry on working yesterday after a prosecution against them failed. Gary Bray. 28, and his brothers Stephen, 25, and Shaun Bray, 24, were prosecuted by Brighton council under a 1912 bylaw after working at a busy junction. Sussex police initiated the case after complaints from the public, but magistrates found that the brothers

had not intimidated motorists. Guerin remand

A man charged with murdering the journalist Veronica Guerin is to be tried before Dublin's Special Criminal Court, which normally deals with terrorist cases. Paul Ward, 32, of Crumlin, Dublin, was remanded in custody.

Water danger

Thousands of households were instructed to boil their drinking water after high levels of bacteria were found in the supply. The warning was issued by East of Scotland Water to about 5,000 people in Rosyth. Fife.

Burial mix-up

A woman was wrongly cremated after a mortuary mixup. The body of Eric Davies.
71, was to be collected from Cardigan Hospital but the funeral director took Betty John, 68. Her family has cancelled her funeral.

TV hotline

The Huntington's Disease Association had about 800 calls when its number was shown on ITV's Emmerdale. in which a character has the illness. Some sufferers felt it cheapened their plight. Some viewers leared they had symptoms.

Fire fighters

One fireman has been sacked and two more suspended after a fight between two part-time crews called to the same alarm. Steve Bastin, 27, has appealed to Northamptonshire Fire Service against his dismissal on Monday.

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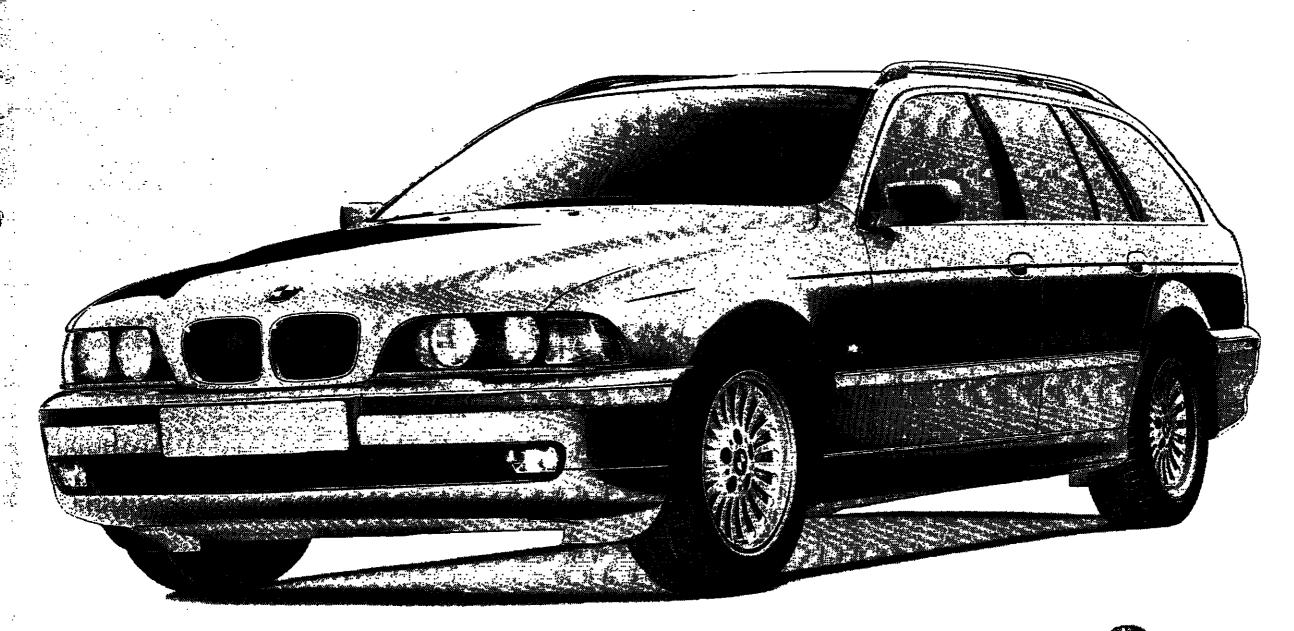
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The Good Life Saturday in THE TIMES

Cows come home with designer butter '

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

A NEW type of easily spreadable butter is poised to make the first commercial breakthrough for the developing science of "designer" dairy products, changing cows' diets so that they produce milk that answers modern tastes.

Herds may soon be able produce milk to a specified content of fat, vitamins or proteins on the farm, without unnatural additives, genetic modification, or having the milk remixed with other substances in the dairy.

The spreadable butter has been developed at Adas Bridgets, the Winchester-based research station of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, the newly privatised research and consultancy arm of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Bridget Drew, head of dairy research, said: "Up until three years ago, dairy farmers had to send all their raw milk to the Milk Marketing Board and there was no point in trying to specialise. With the ending of the board's monopoly, farmers now have the opportunity to produce milk that is tailor-made for a particular market. Our aim is to show how this can be done." Milk in the spreadable but-

ter comes from cows whose basic diet of grass is supplemented with a combination of soya and rape seeds that have been coated with a type of sugar and then heat-treated. This hardens the seed shells, ensuring that their oil survives in the milk.

To be spreadable straight from the fridge, butter has to be high in unsaturated soft fats of the kind contained in margarine and vegetablederived cooking oils. Inclusion of a higher proportion of such fats in food also makes for a healthier diet.

"Cows are vegetarians and what they eat is full of unsaturated fats," Ms Drew said. "Unfortunately, the animals" digestive system converts unsaturates into saturated fats. So the milk that comes from a cow is high in the wrong kind of fats. We have developed ways of protecting the unsaturated fatty acid from being attacked and converted in the cow.

ed vegetable oil when they come into the milking parlour each day," Ms Drew added.
"By putting together diets with different proportions of rape, soya, grass, silage and so on, can potentially produce





The food chain: cows graze at the research centre, ready to produce the new spreadable butter, tried out yesterday by Robin Young

high in mono-unsaturates or poly-unsaturates for people with heart disease, high in protein or vitamins, or milk with the long-chain fatty acids that are associated with better brain development in

The Adas spreadable butter differs from the soft butter made by Anchor, the European marketing arm of the New Zealand Dairy Board, in that it comes "straight from the cow". The Anchor product

milk of almost any specified is made by breaking down and remixing the fats and fluids in cream in the dairy. Sainsbury's, which has helped to fund the Adas trials, said it was still evaluating the product. Adas is talking to other companies as well.

Researchers are also investigating ways to to produce milk with Omega 3, the fatty acid found in oily fish which is believed to help to reduce heart disease. Ms Drew said: "We are looking at ways of providing Omega 3 farty acids is a possibility.

It's creamy, but rather bland

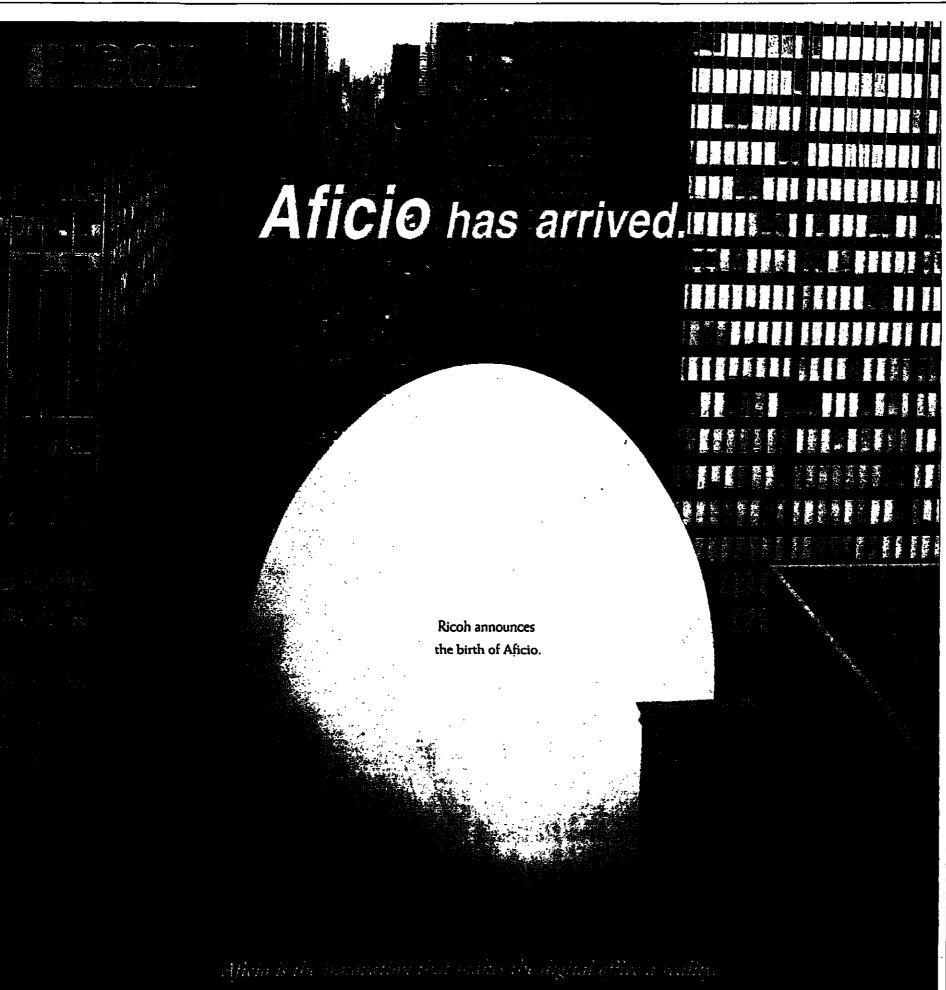
THE spreadable butter from Adas Bridgets did well in a comparative tasting at the Adas Bridgets research station yesterday (Robin Young

The first samples were tast-ed against butter from the same cows, made before dietary changes prevented them from producing the saturated fats that make the butter solidify. Samples of the leading commercial brands, which

include butters mechanically treated or diluted with vegetable oil to produce a more spreadable effect, were also tested. A French premium butter was used as a control.

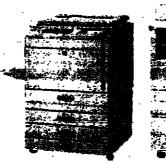
The best tasting of all the spreads was undoubtedly the unspreadable" Adas Bridgets. Made with unpasteurised milk, it tasted of pasture and spring flowers. The Adas Bridgets spreadable butter was more bland, though the

texture was creamier. The French butter, Président, was the third most satisfactory. but expensive at £1.15 for 250g. In fourth place came Marks & Spencer's St Michael Easier Spreading Unsalted - a butter made from cows fed entirely on grass to give a less saturated content. The principle commercial spreadable brands, Lurpak Spreadable and Anchor Reserve, come fifth and sixth.



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Smokers 'twice as likely' to get Alzheimer's

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SMOKERS are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as people who have never smoked, a new study has shown. The findings contra-dict earlier studies which have shown that smoking may pro-

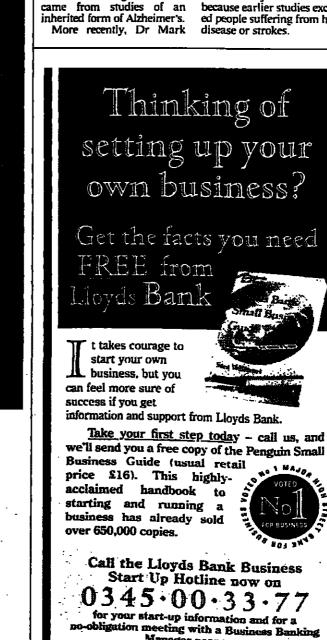
tect against the illness. Scientists at Erasmus University in Rotterdam followed a group of 6,870 people aged 55 and over for two years. In that period, 145 developed dementias, 104 being Alzheimer's. When smoking habits were compared with the incidence of the disease, it emerged that smokers were twice as likely to suffer as non-smokers, New

Scientist reports. Former smokers were 50 per cent more likely to be affected than lifelong non-smokers, one of the team. Dr Alewijn Ott, told the American Acadeiy ol n*e*urology

Boston this week. Since the mid-1980s, several studies had tended to show the opposite effect. Some found that smokers were at a 70 per cent lower risk than nonsmokers, while others could identify no differences between the groups. The most consistent finding of a benefit Zagorsky, a chemist at Case Western Research University in Cleveland, Ohio, showed that nicotine could prevent the aggregation of beta-amyloid protein. which forms "plaques" or lumps in the brains of Alzheimer's patients. If left in water in test tubes. amyloid formed plagues within a few days. If nicotine was added, no plaques formed.

A study published last year showed that nicotine boosts nerve impulses in the brain. because it mimics the action of a natural substance, acetylcholine, which is deficient in Alzheimer's sufferers. This also seemed consistent with smoking having a beneficial effect. The uncertainty led to a research project at the Medical Research Council's neurochemical pathology unit in Newcastle emerged that British American Tobacco had contributed £147,000. Mary Rice, the council's head of communications, lost her job when she publicly criticised the decision to take the money. No results of the

research have yet emerged. Dr Ott believes that discrepancies may have arisen because earlier studies excluded people suffering from heart



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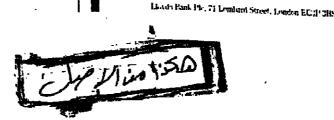
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Redwood rejoices

Ben Macintyre

Thatcher turns deaf ear to all things European



Baroness Thatcher, above, in a famous 1987 election image of her visit to Teesdale and, right, on her return to the site with John Major yesterday

THE people of Teesside were offered a rare sight yesterday when Baroness Thatcher shovelled dirt on to the shoes of John Major.

The sprinkling, however, was an accidental spill when the former Iron Lady joined her successor as Prime Minister in planting a cherry sapling that was supposed to symbolise the fruits of local

The twin embodiment of 18 Tory years had teamed up for a rare outing in which Lady Thatcher uttered nary a word and pointedly absolutely nothing on the subject of Europe, the source of Mr Major's latest anguish. But the glacial scene offered much to anyone versed in the old school of Kremlinology.

The object of the choreographed sortie by the leader of the ancien regime was to revisit the waterside industrial wilderness which Margaret Thatcher, as she then was, had famous backdrops of her 1987 election campaign.

Now the heart of the thriving Teesdale redevelopment. three times the size of the London Docklands equivalent, the site was ideal for a bit of plaque-unveiling and treeplanting, accompanied by olice motorcade and telesion helicopters. Lady Thatcher was visibly

Charles Bremner reports on an uneasily choreographed campaign encounter between the Prime Minister and his predecessor

in one of her iron moods as she emerged from Mr Major's battle bus in a blue suit as electric as the atmosphere on the chill quayside.

She had not been amused by the hour she had spent cooling her heels at the Teesside airport while the Prime Minister had recorded an impromptu election broadcast in London. Strained looking. Dear John displayed none of the self-assured verve that he had shown when he had laid

down the line on European

policy two hours earlier in London. eras was marred only by the noise of Things can only get better, the Blair campaign anthem, which was blaring

from a van nearby. Showing unusual tension, the campaign minders kept the media well away as the Tory pair moved to pull in unison to unveil a plaque commemorating Lady Thatcher's 1987 pledge to revive the

area. "three ... two ... one ... " said Mr Major, issuing a rare order to his former boss. The tree-planting followed, with the Prime Minister nervously tamping the soil while his predecessor slammed down her side with a force that belied her increasingly stooped figure.

Emotion ran high among the Conservative troops. "I was four when she was elected," said Richard Wilson, one of the young campaign marshals who were moved by the historic vision. "That day, my father sat me down and said happened today'.'

Lady Thatcher's visible frailty seemed to apply especially to her hearing when she posed a few feet from a wall of coralled media. "You would have sacked those ministers, would you not?" she was asked about the latest two government apostates on the single currency. The icy smile did not move from her lips as

she appeared not to hear the question, shouted at her threee times. Mr Major looked more relieved by the second as he realised he would face no new Euro-torture.

The former Prime Minister's hearing made a remarkable recovery, however, when she was asked what it was like to be back at one of the most celebrated scenes of her 1987 campaign. "Good. It's good to see all the Conservative policies transformed into practice." she said.

The pair repaired for a lunchtime meeeting with local out of media earshot.

According to Michael Bates, Paymaster-General and local MP. Lady Thatcher had voiced her total support for the PM". Any differences between the former and present Prime Minister, he added, were as nothing compared with her fear of what would hannen to Britain under a Labour government".

Cosy chat plays

to clumsy charm

Vigour reborn from drear wasteland

BILLED locally as "the return". Baroness Thatcher witnessed yesterday the transformation of an industrial wasteland that she made famous in a defining photoopportunity a decade ago (Richard Ford

In the flush of her third election victory she had declared there was work to be done in the inner cities and shortly afterwards travelled to a site on Teesside that had become an industrial wasteland. Yesterday, briefly, she saw the transformation that had taken place in the ten years since her last visit. Where once there

engineering works, there is now a college, luxury houses, waterside flats and whitecollar industries.

The £500 million Teesdale Development, the actual site of the former Prime Minister's original walk, is part of the largest urban regeneration scheme in Western Europe involving 12,000 acres of land in Stockton on Tees, Billingham, Middlesbrough, and Hartlepool.

Kirsty Brunskill, 23, who rents a one-bedroom flat overlooking one of the canals that criss-cross the development said: "It was a dump ten years ago. It was

a definite improvement." Brunskill, a shop assistant, had only one complaint and that was that her £340-amonth flat was "very, very expensive".

The site of her home has been transformed by the Teesside Development Corporation, an organisation directly funded by the Environment Department which has also received £10 million from the European Regional Redevelopment Fund. In a deliberate attempt to bypass local politicians, the development corporation has had planning authority - except over roads -

Lib Dems block Times debate

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A MAJORITY of the public favoured the proposal by The Times for a debate between John Major and Tony Blair, according to a MORI poll, but the newspaper's efforts to stage the confrontation in London on Sunday appeared last night to have foundered under the threat of legal action by the Liberal Democrats. Peter Stothard, editor of The mes, has held talks in recent days with the broadcasters and representatives of Mr Major and Mr Blair. Both

leaders were said to be keen to take part. However, senior Liberal Democrat sources have confirmed the belief of ITV and the BBC that legal action was certain if Paddy Ashdown was

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not given equal billing in the

Mr Stothard said last night: "Reluctantly I have had to conclude that under this threat from the Lib Dems it is impossible to go ahead. Many spirits were willing but the obstacles were too great."
MORI found that 65 per cent

supported the debate and 19 per cent opposed it. Both BBC and ITV said last night they were still keen to broadcast a debate but felt agreement was unlikely. Mr Major challenged Mr Blair yesterday to dehate Europe "any time, anywhere." Mr Blair said he would be "delighted"to debate all the election issues, but was "not going to spend the next two

weeks talking about a debate".

TV WATCH: Nicholas Wapshott

JOHN MAJOR'S decision

to throw out the planned Tory election broadcast to give the nation a fireside chat, spelling out exactly where he stood on Europe. was a bold move, if one of great desperation. It is acknowledgement that the Tory campaign has been blown off course. And the saboteurs are not his political opponents without, but his enemies within.

The broadcast was a dramatic throw of the dice which summoned up those flickering images of Harold Wilson taking to the screen at a moment's notice to talk directly to the people. Wilson, of course, was a great showman; there was no eye blink, no pull at his pipe that was not a theatrical gesture.

Major is no showman, but his very clumsiness in this sophisticated television age is in itself a potent weapon. He has become adept at painting himself as the little man against the rest, the underdog who refuses to lie down.

Remember the press conference hastily arranged in the Downing Street garden when he called on those who sniped at his leadership to put up or shut up. Remember his soap box at the last election. They are images of power posing as weakness, and they show him defying those who say he is finished.

At the morning press conference, he rehearsed his line and his gestures. When he asked. "can anyone, hand on heart ... " he put his hand on his heart. When he spoke the words. straight out of the country and western songbook, "Like me or loathe me, don't bind my hands", he put his hands together as if expecting someone to slip the cuffs on him.

Last night was a defining moment for Major. Confronted with a rebellion of his own candidates just a fortnight before polling day, he tried to take back the initiative with an appeal to them as much as to the voters to trust him. Claiming repeatedly that

the onus for negotiating

with Europe on further

integration rested with

him, he spelt out how he would arrive at a conclusion and the constitutional checks on his final decision. He emphasised that, whatever he decided, the voters would themselves be asked to decide in a referendum, and he concluded with the words: "I will not

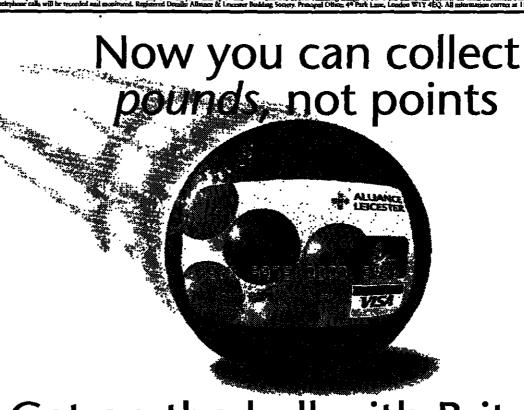
currency. Only the British nation can do that." Like his "put up or shut up" speech, last night's appeal for trust was a great gamble. The broadcast confirmed that the Tory Party is in disarray on perhaps the most important issue of

But incidentally, it high-

the election.

take Britain into a single

lighted the fact that much of the Tory Party is now opposed to a single currency in any circumstances, which might act in the party's favour. Most of all, it concentrated the election upon John Major's personality. He is happy to be thought of as obdurate, a fighter for what he believes and incorruptible. And that may well do him a great



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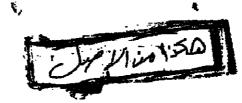
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Record number of women bound for Parliament

WHICHEVER party wins on May 1, the new House of Commons will have a record number of women MPs. This is one of the key findings to emerge from analysis of candidates' backgrounds after the close of nominations

yesterday. With 102 Members standing down, and a further 15 failing to secure reselection, the Commons will have the largest turnover of MPs since 1945. The precise number of new faces at Westminster after the election will depend. of course, on the outcome in the hundred or so battleground constituencies. However, by looking at the backgrounds of those who are standing, and taking account of the marginality of individual constituencies, it is possible to make a fairly accurate guess about the social compo-

sition of the new Parliament.
As reported last week in The Times, the universities of Oxford and Cambridge remain prime training grounds for aspiring MPs, accounting for one third of Conservative candidates, and more than one in ten of Labour and Liberal Democrat contenders. Although the Conservative figure has fallen over the years — in 1945, 53 per cent of Conservative MPs had been

Colin Mellors and Darren Darcy examine the social backgrounds of those hoping to enter Westminster

to Oxbridge — it is likely that the numbers of Oxbridge alumni on the Labour benches after May I will rise. The number of Labour MPs with university degrees has risen progressively over the years. This time, nearly two-thirds of Labour candidates have had some form of higher education.

By contrast with the continued dominance of Oxbridge, the public school element on the Westminster benches continues to fall. In 1945, over 80 per cent of Conservative MPs had been to public school, by the time of Mrs Thatcher's second victory in 1983 the figure was down to 64 per cent. This time, 46 per cent of Conservative candidates come from public schools, compared with 49 per cent five years ago. The proportion with a public school education among Labour hopefuls is much lower at 11 per cent, although they do, of course, include Tony Blair.

Liberal Democrat contenders.
Although the Conservative figure has fallen over the years — in 1945, 53 per cent of Conservative MPs had been

Professions are well-represented among all three main parties. In particular, over 15 per cent of Conservative, and 7 per cent of Labour, candi-

dates have legal backgrounds.
As usual, the Labour Party is well represented by teachers and lecturers at this election. More than one in four Labour contestants hold, or have held, academic positions prior to obtaining their candidatures. Among Liberal Democrats, the figure is more than

20 per cent.

If the classroom or the lecture theatre has been home to many Labour hopefuls, business will again dominate the Conservative benches after the election. A total of 47 per cent of Conservative candidates have business backgrounds, compared with 16 per cent of Labour contestants.

One of the strongest changes to affect Labour over the past few decades has been the displacement of the working classes in formal elected positions. This trend continues. In 1945, over a quarter of Labour MPs were employed as manual workers immediately prior to entering Parliament. By the time of Harold Wilson's fourth administration in 1974 — the last time Labour won — this had fallen

to 12 per cent. Twenty years on, only 8 per cent of Labour MPs are likely to be former manual workers.

The average age of Conservative contestants this time is 45; for Labour it is 47 years. The Conservatives have more than twice as many candidates in their 20s and 30s as Labour, although most of these have no real propect of victory and are competing in the hope of securing more winnable seats next time.

However, not all first-time candidates are fighting hopeless contests. The indications are that 28 Conservatives and 60 of the Labour candidates have reasonable prospects of success at their first attempt this election. Clearly, neither of the two main parties exclusively reserve their safe seats for those campaigners who have fought valiantly in alien political territory.

Local government contin-

Local government continues to be a popular stepping stone to a Westminster career for all three parties. This time, 45 per cent of candidates have served on local authorities. The proportions are: Conservative (37 per cent); Labour (53 per cent) and Liberal Democrats (45 per cent). It is the area of gender, however, that reveals the most marked change this election. In 1992 a total of 341 women candidates stood for the three main parties, of whom 60 were returned. This time, the overall figure is not much changed with Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats fielding a total of 370 women candidates. The important difference this time is that there are many more standing in winnable seats.

Assuming that Labour retain all their existing seats and take those Tory-held ones vulnerable to a 5 per cent swing (a modest assumption on the basis of existing polls), with Conservatives and Liberal Democrats broadly holding on elsewhere, then there would be just over one hundred women MPs at Westminster after May I.

This figure would put the

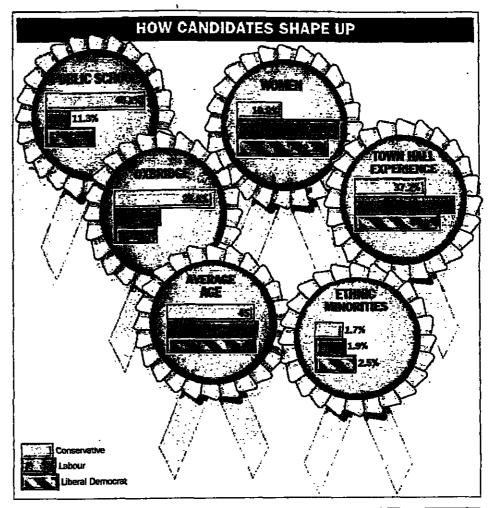
parliaments in terms of representation by gender, and it would mark a significant step from the level when the Conservatives came to power in 1979, when just 19 women MPs were elected.

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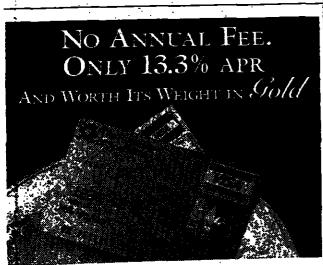
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By James Landale, political reporter

TONY BLAIR pledged yesterday to bring a "moral dimension" to Bridish politics by creating a decent society, under Labour, where justice would have a "high place at the Cabinet table"

In his most personal speech of the election campaign, the Labour leader said that his party's core beliefs in family and community presented voters with a clear alternative to the Tories' ideological obsession with individual selfinterest. Britain, after 18 years of divisive Tory rule, could become one nation again only through collective action and not through the "politics of the self", he said. By providing opportunity to all and demanding responsibility from all. Labour would lay the foundations of a decent society based on the community and the family. In contrast, he said, the Tories simply rejected the notion of society and denigrated the public services.

Mr Blair said: "We are not just individuals standing in isolation from one another but we are mem-

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bers of a society and a community, and our humanity derives in many ways from that fact. This is the case for collective action. Britain cannot be one nation unless it is prepared to act as one nation."

The speech, to an invited audience of 350 people in Southampton, marked the latest stage of Mr Blair's attempt to portray Labour as the only party offering a positive vision of Britain's future in the election campaign. "It is our right, and I would say our duty, to put politics in a moral and ethical context," he said. That "was not preaching to people about their personal lives but a recognition that politics is not just about efficiency or competence. It is also about making choices not only because they are prudent and sensible but because they are just.

We intend to put justice in its rightful place, at the head of the rightful place, at the head of the said would create a Britain where queue. We will restore the social opportunity plus responsibility and moral dimension of British equals community.

government and ensure that, in all our debates, the question is it right?" is asked persistently and that we get a clear answer before we take the decision."

He said that Labour was the party of the family, one of the essential constituents of a decent society, as well as the party of the nation. "The health of the family and the strength of the nation ultimately reflect the quality of honest, decent, truthful government, government which has a moral dimension and which always makes sure that justice has a high place at the Cabinet table "

Mr Blair admitted that after the "fiasco" over the Conservatives' back-to-basics call, it was not easy for politicians to discuss the family. However, they should do so, without setting themselves up as superior to others. The family was essential to the construction of a decent society". People did not want to return to Victorian values. he said, but "they do want a society with rules and stability which

values the family". He added: "We regard the family and the way in which children are brought up in the home as the bedrock on which many of our policies, especially on law and order and education, are founded."

A decent society, he said, depended on "seven pillars" of policy: a world-class education system; a comprehensive National Health Service, security and dignity in retirement; freedom from the fear of crime; good-quality housing; a welfare state that promotes independence; and strong social institutions - the most important of

which was the family.

The answer to Britain's prob-lems, he said, "lies neither with the state nor the individual alone. A decent society depends on all of us. It is that combination of opportunity and responsibility that is the foundation of a sense of community." While society should value



Canvassing in Newport "Most of the women were wearing stickers applied personally by the slightly posh Mr Howarth"

Labour faithful sing convert's praises

MANY years ago, when I was a backbench Tory MP, Alan Howarth was my whip on the transport committee on which we both sat. His job was to arm-twist me into voting as the Govern-ment dictated, whatever my personal doubts.

Twelve years later — yesterday morning — I caught up with Mr Howarth in South Wales. He is standing as the Labour candidate for Newport East. His morning canvass through St Julian's ward felt more like a victory amble than (in the new Labour terminology) "blitzing and voter-IDing". People talk of the shocking and

painful transition Howarth has made. Poppycock. Any former MP can canvass for any party. without difficulty. You just flick a switch and away you go.

Would he be coming to live in Newport, a voter asked? "Oh yes. You can't do the job unless you have roots." Were jobs with British Steel at Llanwern safe, asked a worried householder? "Any business, to survive, has got to be competitive." Would he put in a word for funding for a local school? "Of course."

Howarth met a friendly

Matthew Parris takes the mission trail with his former Conservative whip and discovers that Alan Howarth's sincerity counts for more than consistency

posters and most of the women out shopping were taking "Vote Howarth" stickers, applied personally by the cuff-linked, softspoken and slightly posh Mr Howarth to a point high enough above the left breast to avoid embarrassment but close enough

for a small frisson. "You look sensational," he murmured, after anointing each with the campaign sticker. "But what about him having switched from being a Tory?" I asked one lady, newly-anointed. "Everyone else is switching," she said, "why not him?" People seemed quite flattered by his patrician tones.

"It shows he's sincere," replied another woman. Far from his change of allegiance casting doubt on his honesty, most people saw it as a tribute to his

interesting than the ranks of hack politicians he had left, or those which, after a period of contemplation, he has joined.

Perhaps a tougher switch has been made by his Commons secretary of 13 years, Tricia Constant Constant indeed, she has stayed with her boss, parachuting into this safe Labour seat in Wales with him when he was dropped there, hours before the election was called, by the Labour high command.

Ms Constant seemed relaxed and happy when I tracked her down yesterday to her new lair, an unlikely setting for her ready, hearty English laugh and breezily well-bred tones: the Ringland Labour Club in a roughish part of Newport.

Had she found the transition tion everywhere. Many accepted sincerity. He was simply more difficult? "Oh no. We were the pictured yesterday's scene.

unofficial opposition for three years after 1992. Now we've joined the official one." How had the other Commons secretaries reacted to her? "Amazingly nice. They're professionals, you see. Some even sympathised." And the local Labour people? "Very welcoming. I'm lodging with one of them. Political loyalties were easy to switch. The problem was personal loyalties — to Conservative friends in Strafford who had stuck by Alan." stuck by Alan."

Her first name should be Ruth, her loyalty no less fierce for being less lyrically expressed than Ruth's Old Testament vow to Naomi: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go ... thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried."

Their people are now the Newport Labour Party. Their household god is Tony Blair. And, happily for Alan Howarth, there is no chance of his being buried in this general election. As I followed him around, taking notes, I asked myself whether, in the days when he was my Tory whip, either of us could ever have

Tony says he feels sorry for poor John

RADIO WATCH PETER BARNARD

TONY BLAIR came to the aid of John Major yesterday. That sounds incredibly generous in the white heat of an election campaign. It was not, for Mr Blair is more than happy to assist the beleaguered enemy captain if in doing so he can tip the captain's mutinous crew over the side. Ultimately, Mr Major is one Tory MP in a safe seat; it is the rest of them Mr Blair is after.

"In some ways I feel sorry for Mr Major, he's got a party that's incapable of being led," Mr Blair told Sybil Ruscoe on Radio 5 Live. And Mr Blair was at great pains to stress how wise is the Major "wait and see" policy on the single currency, for this is also the Labour

These are old Blairisms, but they had a new potency yesterday, with Mr Major cracking the whip over the heads of errant deckhands and at least two petty officers, without actually drawing blood. Mr Blair said he would "sack" somebody who fell out of line with him, in contrast to the "weak leadership" presently being offered to the country.

There were signs during the Ruscoe interview that there is not much mileage left in attempts to paint Mr Blair as a man who has dumped socialist principles in order to get elected. He may have done that, but the record is starting to sound scratchy.

Mr Blair's overwhelming advantage on radio is his voice, which is more convincing with the smile out of vision. Sounding like a cleric on "Thought for the Day, indeed, as with so many Anglican clerics, Mr Blair would rather die than have us think that his Christianity makes him any better than the rest of us: "I always get reluctant to talk about my faith, it's part of what I am, of course it influences my politics, but I don't pretend I'm any better than anybody else. Neither do I say that people who are Christians should only vote Labour."

Earlier, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, had appeared on Election Call (BBC) and Radio 4), a daily programme whose makers have been tearing their headphones off at the duliness of the show thus far. Surely Hezza could pour some petrol on to the dying embers?

Alas not. Most of the early callers wanted to know what ought to be done about junior ministers at odds with the Euro policy but Mr Heseltine stonewalled. All we got was the election result, a Tory majority of "60 and nudging up". Asked by Peter Sissons how this squared with the opinion polls. Mr Heseltine said: "The opinion polls are usually wrong and the Conservative Party really right." Now why didn't I

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MORI poll indicates most voters agree with the Major line, Peter Riddell reports

public say they would vote against Britain being part of a

single currency in any referen-

58 per cent against, with 22 per

cent in favour. That compares

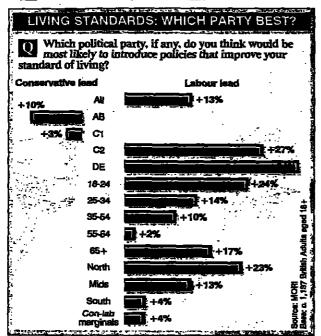
Support for staying in Europe drops to 40%

THE public is evenly divided on whether Britain should remain a member of the European Union, but a clear majority supports John Major's "negotiate and decide" policy on a single currency, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poli was undertaken on Tuesday as the latest row over the attitudes of Tory candidates towards a single currency was developing. It confirms the gradual shift of public opinion in a sceptic direction

For the first time since the early 1980s, the public is evenly divided on whether Britain should stay in or get out of the European Union if a referendum is held. Support for Britain's membership peaked in the early 1990s when the margin in favour of staying in was two-to-one. It has eroded gradually since then. Last November, 44 per cent favoured staying in, with 40 per cent for getting out. At present, 40 per cent are on each side, with the rest as don't knows. But Tories are 47 to 36 per cent against Britain staying in the EU.

Mr Major can draw some comfort from the clear support across all groups for the proposition that "Britain should keep open its options on a single currency and decide whether or not to join when the preparations have further". Some



joining a single currency, while 36 per cent are Euro-

phobes who favour getting out

and oppose a single currency.

On the same basis, 13 per cent

of Tory supporters are Europhiles and 44 per cent

But Europe is still only eighth in the list of issues

which people consider very

important in helping to decide

week's MORI poll. Nonethe-

less, a big majority of the

Europhobes.

57 per cent agree, down just three points since last Novemto the contrary that "Britain should now rule out joining the first group of countries to form a single currency", up three points since six months ago. Three fifths of Conservative supporters, including three quarters of Tory waverers, back Mr Major's view.

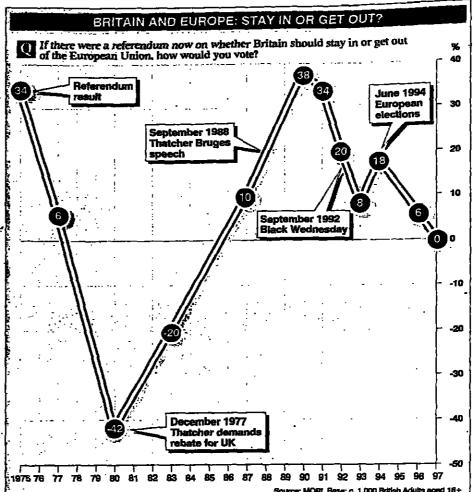
Just 18 per cent of the public are Europhiles who both support staying in the EU and with 64 to 22 per cent against last November, and 60 to 23 per cent against last May. Among Tory supporters, the present balance is four to one against a single currency (67 to 16 per cent), although among Tory waverers the margin is two to one against. The only groups showing more than 30 per cent support for British involvement are 18 to 24-year-olds, professionals and man-

agers, committed Liberal Democrats and readers of broadsheet papers. Most of the public believes that individual candidates should be allowed to express their own views on the issue of Europe, according to a sepa-rate MORI On-Line telephone poll on Tuesday for the ITV500 People's Election panel. Some 51 per cent expect candidates they are likely to vote for to express their own opinions on Europe, while 38 per cent

views in line with party policy. Among Tory supporters, the margin was 56 per cent saying candidates should express their own views against 34 per cent saying they should express only party policy.

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adults at 85 sampling points throughout Britain. All interviews were conducted face-toface on April 15. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population and voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (6 per cent), are undecided (12 per cent) or who refuse to name a party (3 per cent).

Labour is trusted to raise people's living standards

LABOUR has a crucial advantage over the Tories as the likely to introduce policies that improve peoples' stan-

dard of living.
The latest MORI poll for The Times shows that at present 36 per cent believe that Labour policies would be most likely to improve living tandards, against 23 per cent thinking Tory policies would. At the same stage of the 1992 campaign, the Tories had a 39 to 36 per cent edge over

In line with other indicators, this suggests that the main change over the past five years has been a drop in confidence in the Tories' ability to deliver higher living standards rather than high expectations of what Labour

own living standards have, in the past, been a crucial influence on how people vote. Most groups, apart from professionals and managers, are more likely to believe that Labour rather than the To-ries would adopt policies to mprove living standards.

optimistic about the econom-

Labour supporters also appear to be becoming more

The poll, taken on Tuesday,

confirms that a sizeable minority may change their vote. At 27 per cent, this is virtually the same as last week. However, among Tory or Labour supporters saying they may change their mind, there has been a noticeable rise in the number who say they might shift to the Liberal Democrats.

There has been some strengthening in Labour support over the past week. The proportion of Labour supporters saying they are very strongly committed has risen from 27 to 33 per cent.

However, turnout could be less than five years ago. Just 64 per cent say they are certain to vote, compared with 72 per cent at the same stage in 1992. A mere 34 per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds say they are certain to vote. There be even lower in Labour's

safe seats A third of the public believe Tony Blair would be the most capable Prime Minister, against a quarter for John Maior.

However, a further quarter say they don't know. John Major always enjoyed a big lead over Neil Kinnock as a capable Prime Minister in 1992 with only about a tenth

MENSION ES Lyell wins identity case

The Attorney General yes-terday obtained a High Court injunction to stop a man who has taken his name from standing as a Conservative candidate in his Bedfordshire constituency. Sir Nicholas Lyell won the order in a chambers hearing against Peter Rubery Hayward, a businessman, who was made a vexatious litigant by Sir Nicholas in 1994. It was obtained on the basis that Mr Hayward's action amounted to a fraudulent device under election law.

Bell fights on

Martin Bell will fight the Tatton seat after Neil Hamilton's formal objection to his 'independent' candidature was dismissed by the returning officer. Mr Bell, who had earlier dropped "anti-corruption" from the title after taking legal advice, said everyone knew he was standing on that ticket.

BNP protest

Anti-racism campaigners are planning to demon-strate outside television companies in an attempt to prevent them showing the British National Party election broadcast. The party has provisionally been allocated a five-minute broadcast on the four main channels as well as BBC Radios 2 and 4 on April 25.

New ballot box

Metal ballot boxes, some dating from Victorian times, are being replaced by plastic containers_at many polling stations. The new boxes, made by Paxtons of Walsall, will be used by more than a million voters at this general election. Returning officers say the old boxes are too heavy and cumbersome.

Rule of thumb

Stephen Hawking, Lucas-ian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University, has signed his nomination papers to pro-pose Anne Campbell as Labour candidate in Cambridge with his thumb print. Professor Hawking. a Labour Party member. cannot write because he has motorneurone disease.

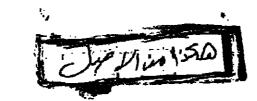
Hogg snoot

Douglas Hogg took the bull by the horns yesterday and gamely volunteered to be photographed with a herd of beef cattle. The Agriculture Minister acceded to media requests to pose alongside 14 steers on an Oxfordshire farm. The words BSE and "mass cull" did not cross Mr Hogg's lips.





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JOHN MAJOR stunned Tory chiefs when he strode into Conservative Central Office at tore up their plans for the day.

David Willetts and Danny Finkelstein, chairman and director of the research department, had made preparations for the daily press conference and campaigning to be dominated by the economy and the unemployment figures. Gil-lian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary. and Kenneth Clarke were the ministers on duty with Mr Major for what should have been an attempt to divert the

key issue. An hour later he was to say it was the "central issue of this campaign", less than a week after telling reporters on his battle bus that it was "not the dominant

As so often in the past when he has had his back against the wall, Mr Major decided to confront his troubles head-on. By the time he returned to Downing Street after his question time forum at Methodist Central Hall in Westminster

tives had got wind of News-night's discovery of John Horam's lanse on the single currency. They also knew that The Times had found another errant minister, but were waiting to learn that it was James

He consulted Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, over what to do about the immediate problem. Dr Mawhinney spoke to the ministers, fully ready for them to be dismissed if they did not writes Philip Webster

ficulty; both swiftly apologised and issued statements declaring their support for the

government line.

Mr Major, who had won plaudits for his performance at Central Hall, was resigned more than angry. Friends said rope would detonate at some time during the campaign. But they admitted he would

have preferred to have gone on the offensive on another day; vesterday was supposed to have been about the employment and borrowing figures.

Over at Central Office at

about midnight Charles Lewington, communications director, and Sir Tim Bell, the advertising chief, knew that Europe would hijack the next morning's events, suspected

But a purposeful Mr Major was in a mood to go for broke. On arrival at Smith Square yesterday morning he asked whether there was time to replace last night's party election broadcast, which would have been an attack on Lab-our, with another on Europe. A camera crew was swiftly

summoned. As reporters arrived for the press conference there were not, as usual, any handouts of speeches from the three minisately about, decided to play it

Nobody in the Tory camp yesterday seriously denied that damage had been done by the return of open disunity. But Mr Major delivered what even doubters felt was the most powerful case for the wait-and-see policy that they had heard.

Raising Europe and trying to turn it into a positive issue for the Tories enabled Mr Major to put his negotiating whether it wished to go towards a federal Europe, including a single currency, was intended to pose the question whether people would prefer him or the unpractised Tony.

Blair to run the show. His press conference over, Mr Major went straight before the cameras to do the largely impromptu broadcast that viewers saw last night. Three takes and he was away to the North to meet Baroness

on Tuesday night, Mr Major recant. But there was no dif-'It would be folly to rule out joining euro at this point'

THERE is no doubt in my mind that [the question of a single currency] is the single most important decision that any government has been asked to make for generations. And no one at this moment. whatever they may say, whatever their predilections may be, can be absolutely certain in what way it would affect us or what the outcome would be whether we joined the single currency or whether we stayed

What are the advantages of a single currency? Why don't I rule it out straight away as so many people have so regularly urged me to do? Let me list the three principal reasons why I believe it would be folly to take

that route at the moment. Let us suppose the single currency were to proceed and were to be successful, and were to deliver right across Europe a zone of low inflation. not just in the short term but in the long term. The impact upon the living standards and quality of life would be immeasurably improved.

Certainly from the point of view of business, you could see many advantages if people had a single currency, not least the removal of transaction costs, but many other advantages as well.

And then there is the third point. Let us presuppose it that question? went ahead and over a mea-

The following is an edited version of the Prime Minister's statement on a European single currency to the Conservative press conference yesterday

surably short period of years it proved to be a success and we were outside it. Can we be certain that we would continue to have the huge flood of inward investment that has dwarfed the investment going to every other country in Europe?

Can anybody be certain what the implications might be upon the present primacy of the City of London? I believe the City of London would do very well; but can you be certain that there would not be a drift of business way from the City, if a European currency were successful and we had stayed outside it?

Can anybody honestly say that they know for certain what the outcome would be? If we were to decide now, without the details, that never in any circumstances were we going to decide to enter a European currency, can anybody truly know the answer to

Let us balance the ledger on

the single currency proceeded and it failed. The exchangerate mechanism proceeded and failed and fell apart with immense damage across Eur-

ope, including in this country.

I was the Chancellor when we went in to the exchangerate mechanism. Don't think I'm not scarred by the fact that following the view of the markets, the fashionable opinion of the day — the opinion, dare I say it, of many of the people seated in this room that we should enter. I took the decision that we should go in, and it fell apart, and it caused damage. So don't think I'm not cautious about an ever

bigger decision. But suppose we went in and it didn't work: the economic catastrophe across Europe, or what principally concerns me, here, in the United Kingdom, would be beyond calculation.

Then there are the other disadvantages. Many people fear that if we were to go into a single currency that would not be the end of it, that there would be further integration, further centralisation. That ... some gold and other reserves would be transferred to the central bank to support

The principal question is whether it would lead to the

the currency fliat we might

have joined. But that is not the



conference at Conservative Central Office

further centralisation of a sort that would be quite different. Would our European partners say to us, in order to make this work satisfactorily, we had better have a single tax system as well? Would that be a question that would arise over a short period of years with fiscal policy itself transferred to a non-elected [European] Commission and elected heads of government of countries all the way round Europe, but not elected by the

Would we have direct conto

of public expenditure in this fashion? Would that inevitably be entailed to a decision to go

into a single currency? I have to say to you that those are practical questions that do touch upon the sover-eignty of the British nation and the House of Commons. Upon those issues, there is no question whatsoever that would advise my Cabinet and my Cabinet would agree without a single shred or word of dissent, that such transfers would not be acceptable to the British nation."

General and his troops march to different wars

The Tory party is not. That is from the current Conserva-

Mr Major was yesterday at his most impressive in justifying his negotiate and decide" tactics over a single currency. This approach is backed by many in business and by a clear majority of the public (according to the lat-est MORI poll for The

echoed by Tony Blair. Mr Major sounded almost convincing, until one looked round the room and saw the two Tory office-holders who have rejected what their leader was so forcefully defending, let alone the hordes of candidates who have unequivocally ruled out what Mr Major said that no one

could honestly decide now. It is all unreal. With so many Tory candidates declaring against a single currency on any terms, a growing number of junior ministers coming out in public against and several Cabinet members being evasive. it is inconceivable that any re-elected Major govern-ment would enter European monetary union. The question is how the issue is addressed. Mr Major's approach has offered a way of keeping British influence without splitting his party even further.

He is paying the price for being forced to tack and weave over Europe over the



PETER RIDDELL

past few years. He has never been able to master his party and the success of the Maastricht rebels in defying the whip in 1992-93 and then the eight whipless ones in 1994-95 has emboldened Tory candidates now. They know they will pay no price.

In the process, the doctrine of collective ministerial responsibility has been stretched to, and beyond, breaking point as defined in Questions of Procedure for Ministers". Under the new doctrine, it is apparently all right for a junior minister to express his "instincts" on an issue — even if "inadequately, inelegantly and unhelp-fully" - provided that at the same time he or she says they back the Cabinet line, however contradictory the two

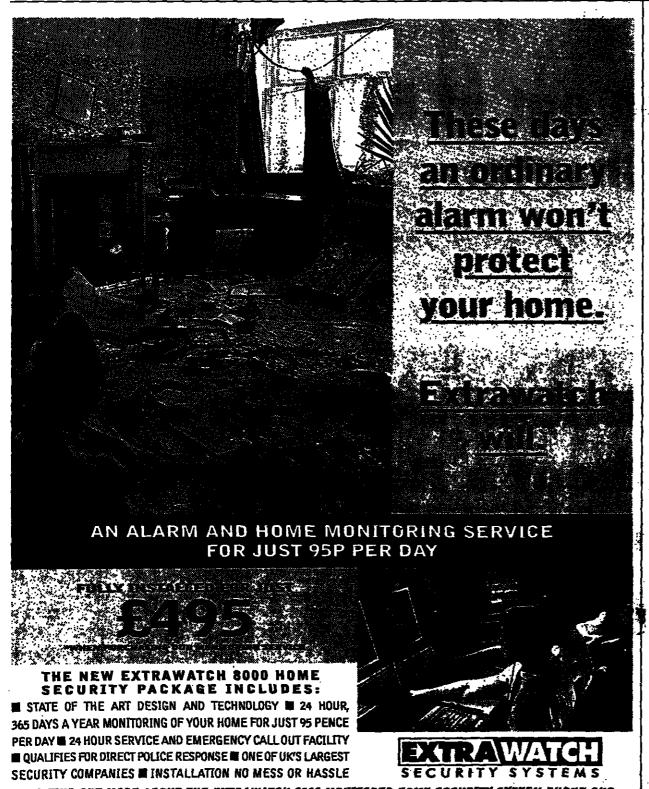
statements may be. That is nonsense, but Mr Major has no choice if he is

to preserve the battered state of his party. The parallels with Labour's past arguments over Europe and, indeed, unilateralism are uncanny. Mr Major even improbably borrowed from Aneurin Bevan's great speech of 40 years ago in saying that to take a position now "would send a British Prime Minister naked into the conference chamber with nothing to negotiate". But many in the Tory party are in no mood for such reasoning. just as the Labour Left was not in the 1970s and early

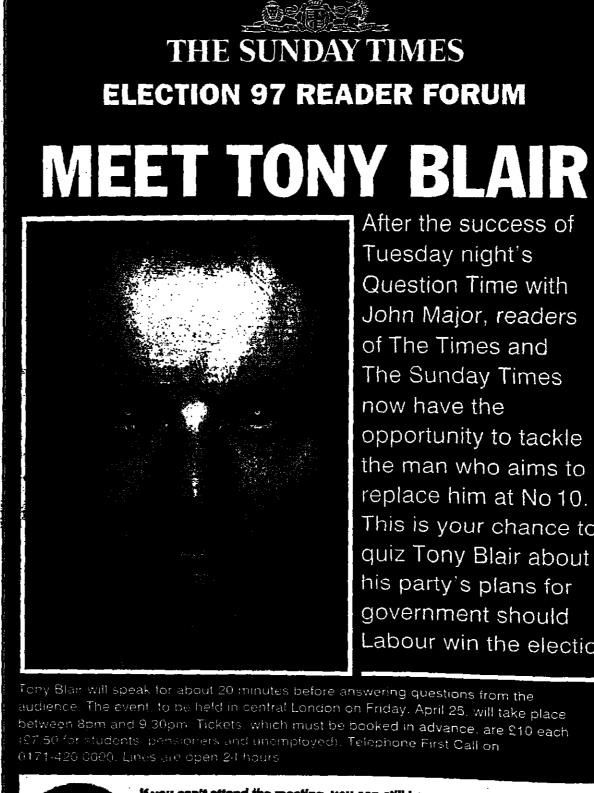
There is little doubt that public opinion has moved in a sceptic direction. But Tory candidates are deluding themselves if they believe the current airing of public differences will do them much good. They will suffer far more from headlines about Tory splits and the isolation of the Prime Minister than from any supposed benefit of ruling out a single currency.

Mr Major may speak powerfully on behalf of his party. But he no longer commands it. No one takes him seriously when he says "it will be made absolutely clear to members of my next government when they join that they are going to be bound by collective responsibility on this policy". Many of his candidates, and fellow ministers, do not believe this will happen and are looking bevond May I to the battle for the Tory leadership.

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As Europe suddenly heads the election agenda, Tory sceptics campaign with renewed confidence

Some awkward moments on Planet Redwood

JOHN REDWOOD came to the Midlands yesterday in the manner of a prophet who has predicted the flood and is now standing satisfactorily on the high ground as a deluge of Eurosceptic rebellion swamps the Conservative party.

On a trip to support fellow Tory opponents of EMU, Mr Redwood exhibited a modest unwillingness to say "I told you so" — and then did so

anyway.
I knew that there were going to be a large number people declaring against the single currency. And the whips knew," he said, and paused for effect. "Because we

As he prepared to address a handful of acolytes in Wellington, Shropshire, the man who quit the Cabinet to contest the Tory leadership in 1995 allowed himself a gentle gloat. The whips seemed very relaxed about it, I must say. I would have thought that all ministers would have been squared.'

In the constituency of Wrekin (one half of the former constituency, now split due to the boom in business and population around Telford) right-winger Peter Bruinvels is fighting on a vehemently "Britain — Not Brussels" ticket. For their Eurosceptic views, both Mr Bruinvels and Mr Redwood are on the Referendum Party's "white list" - it will not fight their seats.

Among the Tory old guard here, opposition to a single currency is a point of faith. and Mr Redwood is its living embodiment. Gentle sighs of love wafted from the assembled as Mr Redwood declared "Europe is on the mind of the voters. I am glad. It must be about Europe," before going on to offer an emphatic "NO to the present Maastricht

"The federal dream is becoming a nightmare," he concluded, in the voice of one whose own dreams might ity. Mr Redwood campaigned in 1995 on the slogan "No Change No Chance". The changes evident among Tory candidates breaking ranks from the government's 'wait and see" policy in recent days may signal another chance for Mr Redwood:

But while he may feel vindi-. cated. Mr Redwood is well aware that his future prospects depend on avoiding the stigma of party traitor, and he dismissed the suggestion that the split over Europe is under mining the Tories' remaining hopes of victory.



The Eurosceptic-in-chief started his election tour in the Midlands confidently but ended the day surrounded by men in white coats.

winner, he insisted. "If division was the cause of poll weakness, you'd expect a fall in the polls every time there has been a division. This hasn't happened".

Mr Redwood may be the adored apostle among the Telford faithful, but his abrupt brand of electioneering can be jolting for the unprepared. A group of workers in the canteen of Maxell, the manufacturers of video cassettes, was rendered speechless by the sudden beaming of Mr Redwood into their midst.

The candidate had been issued with a white coat, blue plastic galoshes and a sort of surgical cap for his factory tour. I suppose its better than the headgear Paddy Ashdown has been wearing," he said nervously, clearly aware that the air of strangeness that surrounds him is enhanced by fancy dress.

Mr Redwood's staring eyes look odd enough above a suit and tie. In the outfit of a medical orderly they become genuinely scary.

The former minister may be popular in parts, but he is an awkward populist. When Mr Redwood, the alien from the planet of All Souls, rattled off a series of questions on Europe,

writes Ben Macintyre the only response was nervous titters from the workers who may have thought the Christmas stunt had arrived early.

Outside Mr Redwood pounced on a Young Conservative, thrust a copy of his book Our Currency, Our Country into his hands and demanded £8. After forking out, the young man admitted he had wanted to peruse the book but wasn't sure he wanted to pay for it: which is precisely the government stance on a single currency.

In the boardroom of Ricoh, the electronics manufacturers, the Japanese managing director launched into a barelycomprehensible monologue on the problems of doing business in so many European languages. Mr Redwood valiantly tried to wrench the conversation back on course: "We're not going to have a single European language for a bit," he ventured.

But our host seemed to have identified Mr Redwood as a kindred spirit, another visitor from a distant land. "We are treated the same as English people," he said chummily.

The day which had started so well was lapsing into the surreal. Mr Redwood made his excuses, and the men in white coats led him away.



Tony Marlow campaigning in his Northampton constituency yesterday where he fretted over preserving his not oriety

Major's 'chief bastard' guards his title

Tony Marlow is not alone, **Daniel McGrory** writes

WITH so many of his fellow Tory candidates suddenly declaring their hatred of all things European, Tony Marlow is fretting about

preserving his notoriety. "I am supposed to be John Major's chief bastard. If all my colleagues start singing my song I might get mistaken for a Tory loyalist and that is a terrifying thought. How dare they? They are stealing It is doubtful that many

would want to steal the garish sweater in various shades of turquoise that Mr Marlow, defending Northampton North, had chosen for that day's campaigning. He studies the list of dis-

senting Tories in the newspalion over Europe. "I am the really awkward sod who was kicked out of the Tory party pers and feigns indignation at being upstaged. "They will all be wanting to copy this for four months for defendnext," he says, brandishing an election leaflet that feaing the pound, so if you want to give the Tories a hard time

tures a cartoon of himself as

St George slaying the Euro-

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tunity to tell voters that the

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vote for me". Many in Central Office would gladly see the back of the right-wing Mr Marlow but he insists that Mr Major is not one of them. "We get on all right. I think he is a super guy, and when I voted against him as leader it was

nothing personal. I think he's doing a terrific job right now." He pretends to slap himself across the face for sound-

He leans across front ing so loyal. "I obviously need professional help."
"I love being a rebel; I hon-

estly don't do it to get headlines but because I stand for what most Tories fear is unfashionable or unprintable". He shocks a voter who complains about law and order with the Mariow solu-

tion: summary justice. "Commit a crime on Monday; caught that night; in the dock on Tuesday; and given a thrashing on Wednesday".

He strides through a council estate delivering leaflets, a more relaxed and affable performer than his abrasive

would suggest.

doors, swaps jokes, invites insults and sen ds himself up. He takes great delight in canvassing homes that are displaying posters of his Labour opponent, Sally Keeble. Tony Blair has marched half his frontbench stars through this marginal constituency but Mr Marlow is not surprised that John Major has yet to pay him a visit. "I am happy enough to d'o things my way. It's a bit late for me to suck up to the leaders or them to me.

Being a Tory bastard being never having to say

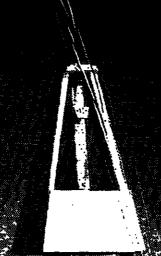


Mirror, mirror: John Redwood's election image on his tour of Eurosceptics' constituencies yesterday

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are:
Rupert Allason, Torbay; Kenneth Andrew, Loughborough; Matthew Bariks, Southport; Nicholas Bennett, Reading West; John Bercow, Buckingingham; Silich Bishop, Salord; Sir Richard Body, Boston and Skegness; Richard Body, Blackpool South; Nicholas Budgen, Wolverhampton and Chelsea; Dr Michael Clark, Rayleigh; Josephine Crabb, Crawley, James Cran, Beverley, Nir] Deva, Brentford and Island Chard, Rayleigh; Josephine Crabb, Crawley, James Cran, Beverley, Nir] Deva, Brentford and Island Woodlard Green: David Edwards, Vale of Chwyd; Harodd Elletson, Blackpool North and Fleetwood; Pater Fleet, Southampton Itchen; David Faber, Westbury; Howard Filght, Arundel and South Downs; Roger Gale, Thanet North; Bernard Gentry, Teltord; Christopher Grayling, Warrington South; Graham Green, Birmingham Selly Oak; Stephen Hammond, North Warwickshire; Andrews Hardensethinter Restrenschler Warrington Soum: Garnam Green, Birmingham Sally Oak; Stephen Hemmond, North Warvickshire; Andrew Hargreaves, Birmingham Hall Green; Andrew Hunter, Basingstoke; Andrew Isaacs, Redcar; Bernard Jenkin. Colchester N; Toby Jessel, Twickenham; Boris Johnson, Cwyd South; John Kennedy, Halesowen and Rowley Regis; Julie Kirdoride, Bromsgrove; Norman Lamont, Harrogste; Sir Ivan Lawrence, Burton; Adrian Lea, Tyne Bridge: Simon Mollwaine, Manchester Central; Kit Matithouse, Liverpool Wavestree; Tony Marlow, Northampton North; Devid Marlin, Portsmouth South; Theress May, Maidenhaad; David Mellor, Putney; Pers Morchant, Beckenham; Simon Milton, Lelcester East; John Midgley, Pendle; Sir Rogar Moste, Stimgbourne and Sheppey; Jonathan Morgan, Merthyr Tydil and Rhymney Valley; David Nicholson, Taunton; Ernest Noed, Streetham; James Pawsey, Rugby and Kenilworth; David Prior, North Nortolk; William Rogers, Si ves; Andrew Rosindell, Thurock; Nick St Aubyn, Guildford; Guy Senlor, Manchester Gorton; Sir Oudley Smith, Warwick and Leamington; Julian Smith, Hoborn & St Pencras; Sir Michael Spicer, South Worcestershire; Sir Teddy Taylor, Southend East; Richard Tracey, Kingston and Surbiton; Andrew Turner, Isle of Wight; Andrew Tyrle, Chichester; Eddle Valzey, Bristol East, Gary Waller, Keighiey; Charles Wardle, Benhill and Battle; Paul Watkins, Barnsley West and Pentstone; John Whittingdale, Meldon and East Chelmstord; Etwyn Williams, Caernarfon; Ann Wirterton, Congleton; Nicholae Winterton, Macclesfield.

St Helena official appeals to Queen for end of 'tyranny'

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE former St Helena councillor at the centre of a dispute between the remote Atlantic colony and its British Governor has written to The Times begging the people of Britain to free the island from political and economic bondage.

In a letter posted before his dismissal as head of the island's social services by David Smallman, the Governor, Bobby Robertson reproached the British Government for denying political freedoms to the island and for preventing its citizens seeking work in Britain since the 1981 Nationality Act.

He said the 6,500 islanders were largely descended from British stock, had served in the Merchant Navy during the Second World War and gwed their allegiance to Britain. "What other Britons have been denied their heritage by Act of Parliament?" he asked.

Addressing himself directly to the Queen, he said: "Madam, you are our Queen. Yearly we pay homage to you. Call on us to shed blood for you and we will not question the cause. You are our Queen but we are not your people. Why is this

so? We have in our hearts allegiance only to yourself and the British people. We cannot claim the allegiance of any nationality other than

Mr Robertson was elected to fill one of two vacancies on the local council after two members resigned last week in protest over budget cuts. His election was vetoed by Mr Smallman because he had been involved in a fracas last year when an angry crowd burst into the Governor's office and Mr Robertson grabbed him by his tie. In his letter to The Times.

Mr Robertson denounced Mr Smallman for allegedly remarking that he found the St Helenans "boring and te-dious". He said the Governor's word was law on the island. The constitution pave him dictatorial powers "in the public interest". Mr Robertson asked: "How is that for our

brand of democracy?"

He said the island was treated by London as a poor relation. Its budget was reduced by about a third each year. It was dependent on Britain to help out, but the islanders paid for this. "We are not a free people. We are in bondage, a kind of financial dependent slavery," he wrote. "How much longer, Britain, are we going to be subjected to

your tyranny?"
As well as complaining about the budget cuts, Mr Robertson bemoaned the fact that St Helena was still awaiting a constitutional review, first requested four years ago. He asked whether a country allegedly so steeped in traditions of freedom would impose St Helena's constitution on others. "Britain, you practise a tyranny on a people who are unable, because of your misguided laws, to feed themselves. A people whose blood is the same as those of the shires, counties, dales and valleys of Britain."

Mr Robertson gave a warning that anger on the island was growing and he reiterated demands that the islanders be given back the right to seek temporary work in Britain. Mr Smallman, who left St Helena by ship at the weekend at the start of his mid-term leave, could not be contacted



Sidney Poitier, the 70-yearold Oscar-winning actor, ar-riving at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo to present to Em-peror Akihito his credentials as Ambassador to Japan for the Bahamas. Mr. Poitier, who has dual American and

Poitier wins a new role

Bahamian nationality, said after the ceremony: "It's exhilarating, it's a very satisfying feeling". He has visited

added: "There will be times when I will make films, there will be times when I will probably direct films. There

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Human Rights Commission.

Wu Jianmin, the Chinese

Ambassador to the UN in

China invites UN jail

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FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

CHINA yesterday gave fur-ther hints that it would open ment of lobbying skills world-

available to fulfil my respon-I was raised in the Bahamas My roots are there ... and there is in the present Government a need for me to be of some service." (Reuter)

win thre Russia seeks help to stem drug tide

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

RUSSIA appealed to the international community for help yesterday in fighting its losing battle to stem widespread narcotics trafficking and prevent an explosion of drug use

among its young. Speaking at a conference sponsored by the United Nations, Oleg Sysuyev, the Deputy Prime Minister, said that he hoped the world would help Russia to "erect a solid barrier in the form of a E110 million action plan to turn the tide against drugs.

During Communist rule. stringent border controls and the power of the police and KGB ensured that narcotics trafficking and drug abuse posed few problems. However, the collapse of the Soviet Union has made Russia's porous borders attractive to smugglers, and social up-heavals have made drugs fashionable and accessible.

Mr Sysuyev said that in the past ten years the number of regular drug users had leapt from 300,000 to two million. Drug-related crime, unheard of before, had increased fivefold and Russia had become one of the world's main transit points for heroin smuggling from Central Asia to the

UN experts estimated that about a tonne of heroin passed through Russia each day from the poppy fields of Afghani-stan and other Central Asian countries to the streets of Western cities. Russia is seen as such an attractive route that smugglers from as far away as Latin America and Africa have begun using Moscow as a transit point for cocaine and heroin destined for Western

Europe. Western nations, including Britain, have pledged assis-tance in training customs officers and providing detection equipment to try to stem the flow. A customs officer will be posted shortly to the British Embassy in Moscow to cooperate more closely with the Russian authorities.

However, Russia is most keen to stem drug use. Nearly all its cities have a drug culture and youngsters injecting heroin and other opium derivatives are responsible for a dramatic rise in Aids.

Arafat 'resumes links on security'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

HOPES of salvaging the Middie East peace process rose yesterday after Israel claimed that the Palestinians had agreed to resume security cooperation broken off last month amid spiralling violence which threatened to spill over into war.

David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, announced the breakthrough after meeting Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, in Malta -- the first such high-level contact since the latest crisis was prompted by Israel's decision on March 18 to order bulldozers to begin work at Har Homa, a new settlement for 32,000 Jews in annexed east Jerusalem.

The move was seen as a diplomatic success for the



Levy in Malta: held talks with Arafat

European Union, whose foreign ministers led by Hans van Mierlo of The Netherlands, held separate meetings with Mr Levy and Mr Arafat in an attempt to persuade the two men to talk.

All were attending a 27-nation Euro-Med conference, overshadowed by the intensification in the Arab-Israeli conflict that has led to daily street battles and the resumption of Islamic suicide attacks.

He (Arafat) announced that the co-operation on secunity matters will be renewed," Mr Levy said after the meeting which followed talks between the Israeli Foreign Minister and Nabil Shaath, Mr Arafar's aide. After the talks, Marwan

Kanafani, Mr Arafat's spokesman, said that the encounter. although without substance, had been "a cordial and warm exchange of ideas" and "a postive step, a good goodwill step. The breakthrough, step". The breakthrough, which Israel radio said would involve the resumption of joint committees to discuss security matters, was followed by a new American diplomatic initiative to resume the wideranging peace negotiations which have also been terminated since work on Har Homa began.

The American move began last night with the arrival of the special envoy, Dennis Ross, for talks with Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and then a meeting in Gaza with Mr Arafat.

According to Israeli and American officials fine new Washington peace bid was centred on an original Israeli suggestion to speed up talks on a final peace settlement which were due to run until a nine month period with a possible Camp David-style peace summit.

HIV victims get insurance in America

New York: People who are HIV-positive are being offered American life insurance in the first acknowledgement by the insurance trade that the disease is no longer an automatic death sentence (Quentin Letts writes).

Guarantee Life Insurance of Illinois broke ranks with other US insurers — who are among the most cautious in the world - and said that, albeit for steep premiums, it was prepared to offer poli-cies. Until now, insurers have declined to do business with those infected with HIV, which can lead to Aids. In recent years the life expectancy of HIV-positive

of medical advances.

patients has soared because Cross about visits to detainees. The Chinese victory was clampdown was justifiable.

Australia, Canada, France, Germany and Japan did not, like the United States, support

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Geneva, invited a UN expert ca's low profile in Geneva. on arbitrary detention to visit the country in the second half of this year. Diplomats said, however, that they had not yet agreed the details of a trip, the censure resolution, saying that they preferred to try including interviews with ingentle persuasion with Beiting mates. Mr Wu confirmed that on human rights. Initially Mr Wu denied that a massacre Beijing would reopen talks next month with the Internatook place in Tiananmen tional Committee of the Red Square in 1989, but he later suggested that the military

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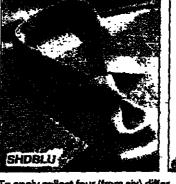
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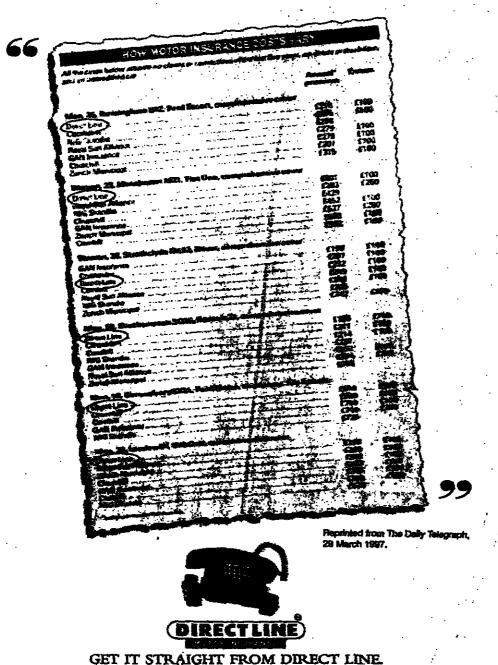
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Hopes rise for Zairean peace deal as rebel leader arrives at Cape Town to meet Mandela

Kabila pledges to be in Kinshasa in three weeks

From Sam Kiley in kinshasa and Inigo Gilmore in johannesburg

ZAIRE'S rebel leader, Laurent Kabila, yesterday flew to Cape Town for private talks with President Mandela aimed at setting up face-to-face negotia-tions with President Mobutu.

Boarding a South African Air Force jet in Lubumbashi, Zaire's second largest city, Mr Kabila continued to shun international calls to suspend his advance across the country and said "the people are against a ceasefire".

Mr Kabila was due to hold talks in Cape Town last night with Mr Mandela and his deputy, Thabo Mbeki, amid speculation that Mr Mobutu may also be on his way to South Africa.

Alfred Nzo, the South African Foreign Minister, predicted in parliament on Tuesday that there would "dramatic progress" on Zaire in the next few days. Mr Mandela told parliament there was an element of South African selfinterest in promoting talks because "peace, stability and democracy in the Great Lakes region of Airica, and Zaire in particular, are a prerequisite for our own success".

Mr Kabila has been under pressure from the United Nations and America to accept an offer of talks from Mr Mobutu. South African diplomats were confident yesterday that Mr Mandela would be able to persuade the rebel leader to meet Mr Mobutu "possibly by the weekend".

Such confidence may be undermined by Mr Kabila's last statement before boarding the plane sent by Mr Man-dela. Asked if he expected to meet Mr Mobutu after speaking with the South African President, he said: "It is not

important to me - who is he?" Mr Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire has taken more than half of Zaire in six months, including all its rich mining areas. The guerrillas claim to be closing in on Bandundu, and Mr Kabila said his next objective would be the capital. "I will be there in three weeks' time, and I am

Residents of Kinshasa fear that, as the rebels approach, pro-Mobutu soldiers may unleash a looting rampage which would descend into anarchy and destroy the capital. More than 1,000 British, Belgian, French and American soldiers are standing by in neighbouring Congo to evacuate foreigners if Kinshasa erupts.

Mr Kabila has consistently said that the only topic of conversation between himself and Zaire's President, who is suffering from prostate cancer, would be Mr Mobutu's departure. So far the President has doggedly clung to power and has insisted that he would only step down "after elections". In protest, the Opposi-

strike that paralysed the city of five million people, but yesterday troops were stationed throughout the capital to prevent demonstrations.

In an attempt to give itself legitimacy with Kinshasa's majority, the new Govern-ment of General Likulia Balongo, the Prime Minister recently appointed by Mr Mobutu, has issued an "international arrest warrant" for his predecessor, Leon Kengo wa Dondo. The half-Polish former Prime Minister was accused of having stolen \$20 million (£12 million) from the Government's war chest.

☐ Geneva: Kengo wa Dondo said here he was in Switzerland for medical reasons and tions in Kinshasa that he had fled Zaire after plundering state coffers of several million dollars. He said that after medical treatment he would visit Belgium and then return



Laurent Kabila, the Zairean rebel leader, at Lubumbashi airport yesterday before leaving for talks in Cape Town

Saudi secrecy over fire deaths hinders envoys

By Christopher Walker, middle east correspondent

SAUDI authorities were yesterday struggling to identify the bodies of Muslim pilgrims killed in Tuesday's fire in their tent city close to Mecca.

The official Saudi death toll stood at 217, with 1,290 pilgrims injured, but witnesses "More victims are dying in the hospitals so an accurate death toll is not yet possible," said a journalist at the Plain of Mena, where 70,000 white tents were gutted in flames fanned by high winds. The toll would have been much higher, but many pilgrims had not reached the

tents when the fire broke out. M. H. Ansari, the Indian Ambassador, said: "We are facing a chaotic situation." He perished in the flames. Most of the other victims were believed to be Pakistanis and Bangladeshis, some trampled to death as pilgrims tried to

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flee from the fire, which is thought to have been started by a cooking gas cylinder.

Mr Ansari added: "We do not have new casualty figures. It is hard to say because the bodies were charred in the fire and we cannot identify them except from a missing persons list." Most of the pilgrims, in traditional white robes, carried no identification papers.

"Every pilgrim is dressed in identical white robes, so it has been very hard to distinguish nationalities," said Amad Lehri, director of Haj affairs at the Pakistani Consulate in Jedda. The few journalists permitted access were struggling to obtain information the secretive Saudi

of the number of dead are in vain. Hospital staff are not authorised to speak and the Saudi authorites are not sharing information with the em-

diplomat complained.

In Mena, seven miles from Mecca, the air was still thick yesterday with the stench of smoke. Lorries carted off blackened debris, while relief teams worked frantically to set up thousands of new tents.

Yesterday an unknown number of the 1.1 million who arrived from abroad to join nearly that number from Saudi Arabia gave up trying to achieve one of the five sacred tenets of Islam this year. "We will come next year for Haj. because we have lost every thing," one Pakistani pilgrim said of his group of ten who were turning back to Mecca.

Witnesses said that, despite the tragedy - one of a number Haj ritual in recent years. including the loss of 1,400 lives in a stampede in 1990 - most of the pilgrims continued with their devotions. Most of the two million climbed Mount Arafat, the spot where the Prophet Muhammad delivered his last sermon 14 centu-

Every pilgrim should have arrived at Mount Arafat by midday yesterday to stand silently in prayer as a group. To stand on Mount Arafat is a symbolic foretaste of doomsday, when Muslims believe that every person will rise from the grave and stand before Allah in white burial shrouds to face judgment.

The pilgrims are due to return today to the Plain of Mena, the scene of the fire. and stay there for several days to carry out symbolic "stoning of the devil" rituals before returning home.

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WORLD!

12 dead in disco arson

Lisbon: Eight women and four men died when masked gunmen opened fire early yesterday in a disco in the medieval town of Amarante in northern Portugal and then set fire to the premises with petroi (Martha de la Cal

Fourteen people were in-jured; nine of them were taken to a hospital in Oporto, where their condition was critical. Survivors said that one of the attackers shouted: "You are all going to fry." Police were not ruling out the possibility that the attack was drug-related. tling of scores between rival gangs.

Albright to visit colony

Washington: Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, will visit Hong Kong for the handover to Chinese rule on July 1 (Bronwen Maddox writes). Her decision emphasises the interest the Clinton Administration is taking in the territory's future. The handover has become a focus for anti-Beijing sentiment in Congress, and concerns about human rights and America's trade deficit with China.

UN attacks Iraqi torture

Geneva: The United Nations Human Rights Commission. in one of this year's strongest resolutions on any country, accused Iraq of "all-pervasive repression" including systematic torture, widespread terror and killings. The resolution, adopted by 31 votes to 0 with 22 abstentions, condemned the Government's summary and arbitrary executions. (Reuter)

Internet 'child porn' charge

Munich: In what could be a test case over public authorities' power to regulate the Internet, German prosecutors have indicted the managing director of the German unit of Compuserve, the commercial online service, on a charge of aiding the distribution of child pornography. (Reuter)

Crash kills nine giraffes

Pretoria: Nine South African giraffes scheduled for export to China were killed after a lorry transporting them overturned near Pretoria. Two died instantly and the others had to be shot. Most broke their necks. A tenth, entangled with the others, was sedated and released safely. (AP)

Son of a gun

Komotini, Greece: The Greek Army sent a tank to a snowbound mountain village in the northeast to take a pregnant woman to hospital here where she gave birth to a boy, her fourth child. (AFP)





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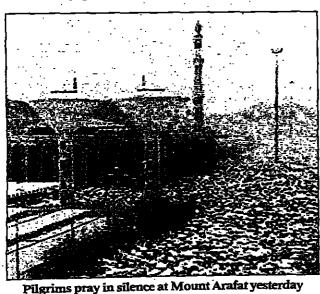
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Tehran orders 'stings' to entrap Westerners

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

INTELLIGENCE officers and cultural attachės in Iranian embassies have been instructed to step up their efforts to identify suitable targets for "sting" espionage operations against foreign businessmen and delegations visiting Tehran, according to Western

diplomatic sources. Intelligence services in the West are aware of the heightened risks of foreign visitors to Iran becoming involved in "entrapment" attempts after last week's jailing by a Ger-man court of four members of an Iranian-led hit squad that murdered four Kurdish dissidents in a Berlin restaurant in

The aim of sting operations is to single out targets who can be incriminated for espionage activities during their stay in Iran and placed under arrest, and then used as leverage by Tehran in its dealings with the

Tehran was suspected of an entrapment operation after the arrest of Faraj Sarkuhi, an Iranian dissident and writer. on charges of espionage. His family lives in Germany, and Iran was accused of exploiting his arrest to put pressure on

Bonn to dissociate itself from the allegation that Iran had authorised the killing of the four Kurdish dissidents. The German Foreign Min-

istry said in February that a link between the arrest of Mr Sarkuhi and the trial in Germany could not be ruled out. After last week's verdict, Germany and other European governments, with the exception of Greece, recalled their senior envoys from Tehran. One diplomatic source said: Now that the Tehran regime has lost this important bargaining card, it has directed its diplomats to expedite their search for new means of

Security sources in London

pressure on Western

chemical attacks converged

on the German Embassy in

Tehran yesterday to protest at last week's Berlin court ver-

many of them in wheelchairs, carried pictures of troops

said there was no indication that British businessmen were being specifically earmarked for entrapment by the Iranian Intelligence Ministry. However, there was no doubt, they said, that Iranian intelligence would use this method when

A Foreign Office official said Britons visiting Iran were being advised to take every precaution, although they were not given specific warnings about entrapment unless they sought such

In recent years there have been a number of cases where Tehran was suspected of pro-ducing "trumped-up" charges against foreigners. Roger Cooper, a British businessman,

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3,000 protest at embassy Dubai: About 3,000 Iranian killed in chemical attacks eterans disabled in Iraqi during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq

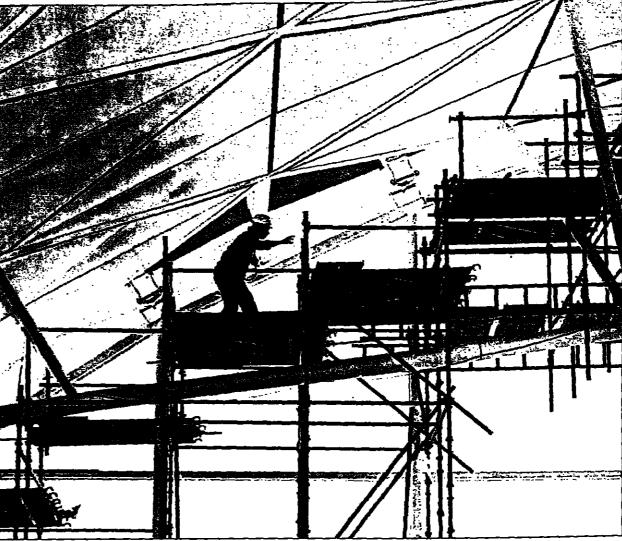
> mands to bring to justice German firms which allegedly supplied toxic chemicals to Baghdad. It was the fourth the Kurds in Berlin. nstration at the barri-

was released in 1991 after serving five years in an Iran-ian jail on a charge of industrial espionage. He was freed in a "goodwill gesture". London denied there had been a deal under which an Iranian student, Mehrdad Kokabi, ac-cused of setting fire to a bookshop selling Salman Rushdie's The Satanic Verses. would be freed.

In January this year Stuart Tim, a South African. was detained in fran for three weeks. He was never put on trial and was released after diplomatic negotiations. Tehran was said to be keen to gain trade concessions from South Africa.

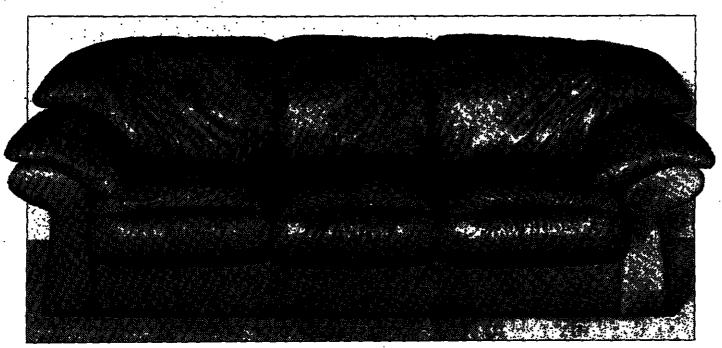
In 1994 Helmut Schimkus, a German engineer, was arrested in Iran and sentenced to death on espionage charges. There were reportedly secret negotiations between Iran and Germany during which his release was offered in exchange for the dropping of charges against the Iranian agents accused of murdering

The death sentence on the German engineer was eventu-ally annulled and he was



A Hong Kong construction worker climbs scaffolding to the roof of the departure hall at Chek Lap Kok airport, opening next April. It will serve 35 million people a year, almost twice those who use the existing Kai Tak airport

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campaign to belt up

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Washington: A national seatbelt campaign was launched yesterday by the American Government to encourage 85 per cent of drivers and passengers to wear them by 2000. and 90 per cent by 2005 (lan Brodie writes).

The effort will include widespread advertising and the lobbying of businesses to get drivers to buckle up. States will be offered incentives of government money to try to increase seatbelt use.

The belts have an impressive safety record. An estimated 68 per cent of Americans use them and they are credit-ed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with saving 9,529 lives a year. James Hall, administration chairman, said: "Almost half of the unrestrained people killed in car crashes would be led their seathelts."

Boosting usage to 85 per cent would, in turn, increase the lives saved to 13,723 and reduce medical costs by \$6.7 billion (£4 billion) a year, according to Rodney Slater. President Clinton's Transport

Secretary.
All 50 states, except New Hampshire, have seatbelt laws, but only 11 compel police to stop and fine un-buckled motorists.

Clinton's aide denies payoff

Washington: A White House official has denied that Webster Hubbell, one of President Clinton's closest friends from Arkansas, who was convicted on charges stemming from the Whitewater scandal, was paid "hush monev"

Maddox writes). Erskine Bowles, Mr Clinton's chief of staff, spent six hours on Tuesday explaining to a court in Little Rock. Arkansas, why he had tried to find Mr Hubbell work in 1994 shortly after he resigned from the Justice Department under

a cloud. Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who is investigating the Whitewater charges which plagued Mr Clinton during his first term, wants to establish why White House aides helped Mr Hubbell and why supporters of the Clintons (£308,000).

Prosecutors have indicated that Mr Hubbell never told them as much on Whitewater as they had expected.

They are investigating whether he was paid "hush money" to withhold co-operation, Mr Hubbell, Clinton have denied the allegations.

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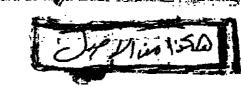
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A RUSSIAN minister yester-

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That optimism was not

shared by the Russian parlia-

ment, whose upper chamber.

the Federation Council, yester-

day delayed a vote on the

treasures' fate. Deputies de-

cided to hold a written ballot

on a law that would keep the

artworks in Russia. Now a

decision on their future could

be delayed until next month.

has already insisted that noth-

ing should be returned and

has overruled a presidential

veto. The argument looks like-

ly to go to the constitutional

court. But the Germans and

the Russian presidential office

appear confident that a way

can be found round the

blockade. "Yeltsin and Kohl

are wise politicians who have

in the past found balanced

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The Duma, the lower house,

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* Yeltsin and Kohl try to calm storm over art treasures

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl Mr Yeltsin arrived in could patch up the bitter Germany yesterday afternoon Russo-German quarrel over accompanied by his wife, Naina, his daughter, Tatyana the return of art treasures looted during and after the Dyachenko, who doubles as a political adviser and, as a As President Yeltsin arrived symbolic gift, a painting from the controversial art hoard. in the spa resort of Baden-Baden, Mikhail Shvydkoi, the Today the Russian President Deputy Culture Minister, said will receive a "Man of the that their summit could settle Year" award and the German the issue on the basis of Chancellor will deliver a compensation and mutual laudation.

Both leaders have lost weight and look fitter, but protocol chiefs have decided against a joint excursion to Bader Baden's thermal springs, instead the plan is that they will discuss the art question and Nato enlarge-ment during a stroll in the Black Forest.

Shortly before President Yeltsin's departure, the Nesavisimaya Gazeta newspaper claimed to have seen secret memos outlining plans to ferry some treasures by military plane to Germany. A government spokesman quickly dismissed the idea. but emotions are high.

Aleksandr Sevastyanov, director of the League to Protect the National Heritage, told Sovetskaya Rossiya, the Communist newspaper, that Mr Yeltsin was showing himself to be the "Best German of 1997". Germany wanted to

Russian "repatriation" enrich itself at Russian expense, he said; the treasures were worth hundreds of billions of marks, dwarfing the value of German aid.

"If one gives way to German pressure on this, Germany will become even more insistent and in the end will demand the return of Kaliningrad," said Mr Sevastyanov. He thus neatly twinned resentment about the German art demands with fears about Nato's eastward enlargement.

The Germans have been put on the defensive. The press yesterday was full of scholarly legal texts outlining the German case. Apart from the various Hague treaties and other international legislation. the Soviet Union signed a good-neighbour treaty in 1990 in which all illegally gained art treasures were to be

A 1992 cultural accord, this time with the Russian Federation, repeated the phrasing. Moscow, aware that Germany plays a crucial role in issues from Nato expansion to Russian membership of the Group of Seven leading international nations, has been trying to muffle the row.

The Germans reckon that 200,000 works of art, 1.5 million rare books and nearly two miles of archives' material were taken by postwar Russian trophy squads.



An Albanian boy tends his family's cow as French troops take a break on the road from Tirana to its airport

Tirana urged to negotiate with rebels

FROM TOM WALKER

ALBANIA'S Government for National Reconciliation was yesterday urged to open dialogue with rebels in the south, by Franz Vranitzky, the country's international mediator. At the same time the envoy for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, making his third visit in two months, said the operation to safeguard aid supplies was "on the right track so far".

In Durres, French troops taking part in Operation Alba stood guard over the first big food shipment to be distributed under its umbrella - 400 tons of wheat, beans and oil unloaded from the Greek carrier World Food Programme. Despite international enthusiasm over the mission, however, and the surprising efficiency of the multinational force, there are signs that Albania can feed itself.

Many local government officials would prefer Operation Alba to have a wider, more long-term mandate to help to rebuild a shattered security infrastructure. 'I hope the troops can advise us on how to build up our police and army again so that they are truly national forces complementing our political democracy," said Engjell Dakli, Mayor of Elbasan, Albania's second city. Rather than food, the troops should bring materials for the police, he said. We haven't a single

Stavros Emmanuel, chartered by the bullet-proof jacket in town and the police don't even have cars."

On the streets of the old Ottoman town there was little sign of the food shortage Operation Alba is supposed to help to remedy. Shops were full, markets busy and food prices have fallen back towards pre-crisis levels.

Operation Alba's command has remained tight-lipped about its scope, concentrating on creating the 6,000-strong force. Today its potentially most hazardous phase begins — the landing of Greek troops at rebel-held Vlore. Gunmen there have sworn that they will fire on Italian troops in retaliation for what they claim was the deliberate sinking by an Italian vessel of an Albanian refugee boat.

Bardot in second attack on **Muslims**

BY ADAM SAGE

BRIGITTE BARDOT has been accused of inciting racial hatred for the second time in a year after her latest outburst against Muslims in France.

In a communique denouncing the ritual slaughter of sheep, she said: "They are slitting the throats of women and children, of our monks, of our civil servants, of our tourists and of our sheep. One day they will slit our throats and we will have deserved it."

Her comments infuriated anti-racist movements, which said they would launch a legal action against her for allegedly inciting racism, hatred and discrimination.

The former actress, 62, an animal rights activist, successfully defended herself against similar charges after making outspoken comments last year. Then, she denounced an "Islamic invasion" in an article in Le Figaro. "Year after year, we see mosques sprouting almost everywhere in

France," she wrote. Encouraged by the judg-ment in her favour, she has now attacked the annual Muslim festival of Aid-el-Kebir. saying that it would cover French soil with the blood of sheep "killed any old how".

asked whether France is on the point of becoming a Mus-

lim country.

Mme Bardot is a friend of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the National Front and has often expressed support for the extreme-right movement.



April in Paris, and men rush away from romance

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRENCH women are romantics. They want flowers, cosy meals for two and loving care. But French men are in a hurry. They want their partner to be ready for le plaisir at a moment's notice.

romantics in modern-day society," said Regis Legeay, 42, a Parisian hairdresser. Françoise Laprey, 47, agreed, with more than a twinge of regret. French women wanted men to seduce them in the old-fashioned way, with gifts and declarations of love, but were often let down, she said.

The poll found that 45 per cent of women cannot stand men who "jump on them like a beast" as they prepare to go to bed together for the first time. Another 29 per cent are put off by men who carefully

On the other hand, almost one in two French women want their men

to fall passionately in love with them — or, at least, to pretend to fall passionately in love with them. They told the pollsters they liked to be inundated by bouquets and telephone calls.

Almost two thirds said they preferred their menfolk to be reserved and prepared to listen to them. Only 16 per cent said they went for the bronzed, muscular surfer, and just 13 per cent were drawn to the know-all intellectual.

If their answers were worthy of Emma Bovary, the 19th-century romantic heroine who dreamed of end", the same could not be said of French men. They were asked whether they preferred women to be "far-sighted" and ready with a condom at the appropriate moment; or passionate, making declarations of love "in the heat of the action": or imaginative, asking to be strapped to the bed. More than half the male respondents said they favoured partners carrying a condom, 27 per cent preferred passionate women and 10 per cent

said that they would opt for the

imaginative lover. The men were traditional in just one way: they remain attached to the French meal. More than two ners who ate well and liked good wine, 27 per cent went for women

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who diet and 5 per cent preferred vegetarians.

If men are less romantic today, it is the fault of women," said M Legeay. "They all work and they all want their independence. The moments for romance are few and

far between."
Walking down the street, arm in arm, Valerie Oudinot, 25, and her husband, Jean-François, 37, said romance had not died altogether in Paris. "This city lends itself to love," said Mme Oudinot. "It's full of charm." However, she accepted that work and commuting made romance more difficult. "You need time to pay attention







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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the choices for a woman with a high risk of breast cancer; why skin can develop patches; exercising your heart; can tomatoes save lives?

Lifting the shadow of family history

lar reason to fear developing cancer of the breast. She is a lecturer in Sheffield who is completing a PhD. She is happily married and, at 45, has two children aged ten and 12. Although Vanessa's mother died of cancer of the breast, it was only after a cousin developed it that she discovered 11 out of 12 of her closest female relatives had had the disease and several had died from it.

Vanessa went to the family history clinic in Manchester, where tests confirmed that she had the BRCAI and BRCA gene mutation and had a 90 per cent chance of developing breast cancer.

Fifteen months ago Vanessa had a double prophylactic mastectomy and after having implants litted, her figure is as elegant as ever.

Vanessa's reasoning would have found favour with the American multi-disciplinary task force which has been investigating the way in which a woman with a strong family history of cancer of the breast should

The report, recently published in the journal of the American Medical Association, suggests that annual mammography from the age of 25 should be carried out and that prophylactic mastectomy should be discussed and offered to patients.

Vanessa has no doubts: "It's great. I feel as if a dark shadow hanging over my life has been lifted and that i

with the expectancy of a normal future. Nobody can tell that I ve had my natural breasts removed and implants fitted as they look so natural."

There are several reasons for a patient having breast reconstruction. The procedure may be necessary, for example, after even a partial mastectorny or for cosmetic reasons. Professor Leroy Young, an Ameri-

can plastic surgeon at Washington University. St Louis, said in London this week: "Doctors are sometimes cruelly dismissive of patients' anxieties about their breasts. Some women's lives are ruined by having breasts they consider too large or too small. I've just operated on a 30-year,old woman who had lost all her social and sexual self-confidence after two regnancies. The patient longed to have the large, full breasts she had enjoyed while pregnant once again. We have restored her breasts and now she feels wonderful, full of her old self-confidence."

Since 1987 surgeons and radiolo-

ists at the Washington University have been working to develop a breast implant which is radiolucent. Existing breast implants, which are plastic envelopes filled with silicone or saline, so obscure X-ray films taken during mammography that early cancer of the breast can be missed. The case of Jane Davies, a 30year old singer, illustrates this problem. Jane was convinced that can now live my life like anyone else stage presence would be enhanced by most have opted for it."



Former Charlie's Angel Kate Jackson, who decided to have a breast implant after a mastectomy

larger breasts. Unfortuantely, her sister, aunt and grandmother had already had cancer of the breast so surgeons were reluctant to put in a radio-opaque implant which would have made it difficult, if not impossible, to interpret the six-monthly

maramograms they recommended.

Since 1993 a European clinical trial of a radiolucent breast implant, Trilucent, designed at Washington University, has been undertaken by a Swiss research firm. The preliminary results are very encouraging.

One London plastic surgeon, Mr Barry Jones, says: "Using the Trilucent implant removes several of the anxieties associated with silicone ones. I've been discussing the choice

Other trials of the new implant are taking place in Canada and the United States.

The filling in the implant is safe, is biodegradable and is metabolised by the body if it does leak. It is also bacteria static and so discourages infection and is radio translucent. The filling, soya oil, is neatly packaged in a comparatively inert envelope. The end result looks and feels like a small, round, squidgy continen-

The Trilucent implant gives a remarkable outline to the breasts and feels very natural.

Breast implantation is not always without its troubles - 50 to 70 per cent of those who opted for silicone and they become hard, misshapen sooner.

and occasionally painful; about 20 per cent have similar troubles with saline. About one woman in five complained of changes in the erotic sensibility of the nipples even though they remain sensitive enough to be

All implants will eventually fail but whereas the silicone ones begin to wear after they have been rubbed backwards and forwards in a machine three or four hundred thousand times, the soya-filled Trilucent was still pristine after it had been rubbed ten million times. However, Professor Young is not

overconfident. Sooner or later all implants are doomed to fail but with this new implant, it looks as if it will

Problem of patchy skin

ne person in 100 has clearly demarcated white patches on their skin. These patches may occur anywhere on the body, including the scalp, in which case the hair may be grey. Usually the hands and face are involved, together with the armpits and genitalia.

This skin disease, vitiligo, is neither life-threatening nor infectious but can cause great embarrassment. The dappled loss of pigmentation can occur in all races but is more obvious in those with a naturally darker skin. It is not a new complaint and references to it can be found in both the Bible and the Koran and in the books of the Children Far Eastern

religions.

can be genetic link can bullied be found in nearly 40 per cent of vitiligo cases, but it and teased seems that it is a about predisposition to the condition blotches rather than the actual disease

which is inherited - in other words, many people carry the gene but not all will develop

symptoms For vitiligo to become obvious, it may have to be triggered by another factor. Pregnancy or puberty can be a trigger, but whether this is related to hormonal changes or stress levels at such times is unclear. Rescarch has shown that stress is undoubtedly important and that the onset of vitiligo can coincide with a family crisis.

In other cases, vitiligo follows a minor skin iniury. The skin of the scalp is particularly vulnerable to this form of the condition; although vitiligo should not be confused with postinflammatory hypopigmentation — a partial loss of skin colour. This may follow fungal infection and be transitory, or be more permanent and stem from serious burns, overexposure to the sun, or infections.

People of any age can

accepted theory is that it is a skin-specific autoimmune disease. An immunological association can be shown by laboratory tests in nearly 40 per cent of cases, but but only 3 per cent of people with vitiligo suffer the actual symptoms of diabetes, thyroid troubles or pernicious anaemia. the common autoimmune diseases associated with the condition. There is no cure for vitiligo, but the progress of the disease can be slowed down and treatment may occasionally bring back the pigmentation. Steroid creams and PUVA treatment with Psoralen coupled with ul-

traviolet light are frequently used. However, the art of disguising the patches and protecting them from the sun has recently been improved, and expert advice should be sought both about treatment and about the best types of cos-

metic camouflage. Patients brought up under the philosophy of grin and bear it" will often deny their embarrassment or, in the case of children, deny they are being bullied and teased at school about their blotchy skin. In both cases, help should be offered. Spontaneous recovery can occur at any age but

it is not common. About ten years ago, a minister of a foreign government came to see me with widespread vitiligo. I referred him to an expert who decided to treat half his white patches and leave the other half to nature. He came back later to give me a present of a military print as a token of his gratitude. Never was gratitude less earned. All the untreated patches had mysteriously disappeared, but those which had received the "expert" treatments were as obvious as ever.

● The Vitiligo Society 19 Fitzroy Square, London WIP 5HQ, telephone 0171 388 8905 produce an excellent booklet on

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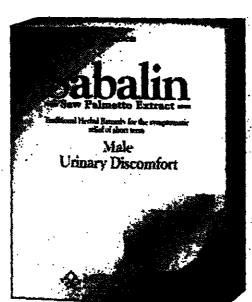
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Exercise is at the heart of the matter

THE British Heart Foundation (BHF) places such reliance upon the importance of regular exercise that each year it allies itself to the London Marathon. This year more than 1,000 runners ran on

behalf of the foundation.
Research shows that moderate exercise, taken at least five times a week, reduces the death rate from coronary heart disease. The activity, which does not have to be vigorous, should last 30 minutes and be aerobic. Anaerobic exercises — for example, heavy lifting, pull-ups and press-ups - can be counterproductive. The BHF suggests that

those who take no exercise have twice the risk of coronary heart disease than those who exercise regularly.

Although the BHF supports the marathon, it warns that those who want to take part in any vigorous sport should have a health check if they have a history of heart disease. high blood pressure, arthritis or obesity.

THYROID problems are notoriously difficult to

diagnose and can even be

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unfortunate enough to have a heart attack, he - or, increasingly, she - need not think that the time spent in brisk walking was wasted. Those who have exercised have only half the risk of dying after a coronary thrombosis.

Thyroid disease can lie undetected for years

not expensive, but the

correct diagnosis may prove to be life-saving. Early diagnosis of thyroid disease may even after history. Mr Yeltsin's surgeon claimed that his heart disease was not, as is sometimes suggested, the result of too much vodka. but of having for many years been deprived of an adequate thyroid gland.

Take more thyme with your tomatoes

ONE of my old friends continues to defy nature, and standard medical advice, by remaining obstinately healthy and physically fit, despite his age and his habit of rejecting most of his doctor's recommendations.

Each night my friend enjoys a huge salad of tomatoes and unions, and as he eats them he reminds his companions that the surgeon who suggested an operation nearly 15 years ago has long since died.

The recent conference in San Diego, California, of the American Association for Cancer Research was given the scientific reasons why lycopene, a polyphenol found in tomatoes, helps to protect patients against tumours.

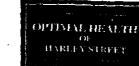
As the American experts were listening to toniatoes being praised, in London a preparation of another naturally-occurring product. Elatime (thyme oil), was being launched. The herb thyme has in the past not only been used for flavouring food, but herbalists have recommended it as a treatment for indigestion. gustritis, asthma, and in children as a specific against bed weming and whooping cough. Research workers at the Scottish Agriculture College, Ayr, and at the Semmelweis University in Budapest, claim that the high level of antioxydants found in thyme oil slows the hody's aging processes by protecting its cells against the free radicals which can wreak such havoc

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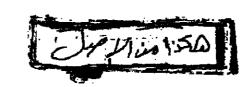
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The day Mummy disappeared

Four years ago, a young woman walked out on her family. She has never been seen since. Her husband Rupert Van den Bogaerde tells their story

acquie and I lived in the anywhere unaccompanied and south of France together for they left. ten years. We'd met in 1983 when I was 21 and she 23, and married two years later. We had renovated a beautiful 12th century chapel, which became our home and together we ran a holiday centre from it. An idyllic setting, you might think. Yet we had fought hard for these things and were hardly complacent. Fate, none the less, can be cruel. Our first child was born when Jacquie hit 30, then a second two years later. In the two years that followed Jacquie became mentally ill and during our struggles our marriage and busi-

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ness went to the dogs.

Though there is a possible link with post-natal depression, mental illness also exists in Jacquie's family. Perhaps one condition somehow triggered another, lying dormant. Her psychiatrist didn't think so. He didn't have a clear answer and so would not identify the illness as anything other than depression. She'd been given powerful drugs which, as she was a nurse, she insisted she managed herself. They changed her character. They turned her into no one.

It was July 20, 1993, a blustery summer evening. We were about to have dinner with friends at their place on the coast.

Our boys. Mo and Sam, aged four and two, were going on to the circus with our host's child and nanny. I noticed Sam was cold and went to the car to find a sweatshirt. Recently, I had been obliged to take far more care of the children, in view of Jacquie's condition.

As soon as I had opened the car door Jacquie arrived beside me. "Rup, I need the keys," she urged, and took them from me. "It's

in my chest. I can't bear it - like I tried to prevent her from shutting the door but no sooner had I moved than she was in, pushed

down the lock and sped away.

At three in the morning I finally went to the police. I insisted that she had been suffering from mental illness and could be easily manipulated. But since she had never been given a proper diagnosis, I had no proof on paper And in France, without a diploma to say what you

are, you're nothing.

The police did little to find her that night. file with the angry housewives and overnight runaway teens. I felt sure that if she wasn't found soon there'd be few chances for her.

The next day gendarmes came to our house and questioned me. One entered by the front door while, quietly, the other entered the house elsewhere and searched. I was asked who possible lovers might be. There were none. She was ill, I insisted, ill. I was advised not to go

The following day the gendarmarie announced that Jacquie had crashed a few miles away. The car was found on its side, a wheel torn from it. They'd found blood from superficial injuries. She'd been helped from the wreck by another driver but pushed him aside, heading into darkness and the woods. The occupant of a villa some way back found her at his door. "You're a farmer, you've got a gun," she told him. "Shoot me. I'm possessed." She departed, and there have been no sightings since.

After this the police became more involved. I was told that the Army searched in the forests near the crash site and friends were questioned. Jacquie's mother made posters and when she could she helped to care for the children. As a diabetic I'd taken to testing my blood frequently. I was a mess and terrified that if I lost control I might risk losing the children.

I believe I was so dazed by the horror of the inquiry that looking after the children became a matter of animal instinct, of comfort and an almost robot-like response to their physical needs. I promised myself that I would tell them the truth, that Mummy was ill and had gone to get better. I didn't know where, or if she could come back, but she loved them.

Ironically, my uncle, Dirk Bogarde, who knew what we were going through, had written to me months before, telling me to be strong, hold on to the children and prepare to be alone. I'd thrown the

letter away. People seldom understand that often those sharing lives with the mentally ill do not live alongside the illness but live a nightmare within it, flirting with madness themselves.

Our business had collapsed leaving us with tremendous debts. It had all gone too far to resolve alone and Jacquie had always been the



Jacquie and Mo: Over the years she became mentally ill



Rupert and Sophie Van den Bogaerde with Sam, Jasmine, and Mo: "Every day is precious. Sophie worries, I know, that the phone may ring and I will be called to France"

Each time the blue gendarmarie Renault appeared I took a grip on myself and imagined that she was dead and wondered what I would say to Mo and Sam.

Often, without warning, the police would arrive and make their suspicions known, leaving a feeling of persecution and injustice behind. Nothing led to anything any more. There were times when there was no help and the children would witness these pathetic events and

Missing Persons Bureau, radio stations. The Salvation Army, (which probably has the best people-finding system available). and found ways to get Jacquie on television, both local and international. The British authorities eventually put on pressure from a higher level, which resulted in the two sergeants handling the case being given judge's powers. This put the officers under pressure and gave them weight to throw around. most of it towards myself. I was warned off contacting the judge responsible for the inquiry and realised that the situation could become abusive without the judge

The police then froze the sale of

the house, which left us faced with

bankruptcy. Their "friendly" visits

continued, fuelled by village gossip

and statements from unknowns

seeking those few minutes of fame.

wrote letters, contacted the

of the need to close a case. After five months, seeing that I was mentally losing my grip, my brother and father brought us home to England. The chapel would remain frozen, the debts

ever knowing what his subordi-

nates were up to. I began to take

note of the sergeants' activities,

aware that I could become a victim

growing daily. Childishly, I'd still search, a face on a bus, a head in a taxicab. Jacquie was everywhere and nowhere. As for the beautiful home that we'd fought so hard to build, its gardens and swimming pool were now traded for the back room and a camp bed in my parents' house.

I saw a counsellor, checked into a diabetic clinic, and spent as much time as I could on the boys, as if we were a ship in harbour for repairs.

Within ten weeks I returned to France for an obligatory meeting with the judge. I'd made vague plans for the boys should I be detained there. Having made my statement, I became angry and broke down. It had been seven months since Jacquie had gone and still the two sergeants were picking through our belongings and questioning our friends. Financially and emotionally, I was being destroyed. In the following year I filed for divorce which, under the circum-

stances, was relatively simple. I found a school for Mo and Sam and eventually, knowing we could not survive as we were. I became an oddjob man. Juggling children, covered in paint and eyeballed in the playground, I didn't care. We were together. I could provide.

enic scientists has

helped to change the image

Poor Mo spent his first unsteady 18 months under the table or clinging to his teacher. I am indebted to the Honeywell school in Battersea for its tremendous contribution towards my children.

The chapel was released after 15

months and sold almost immediately, enabling me to take leave of my exhausted parents and set up home. The new house was battered, adequate and lonely. But we were

I considered myself a pile of unsaleable baggage. I wanted a life, a family to love, the very things one takes for granted.

t takes an incredibly brave woman to embark on a ready-made family. She has to cope with more than life's struggles. She has to show a far reater understandin a freedom that most would prefer to give up only for their own. I met Sophie in a pub with friends. An extraordinary pianist and one of ten children, Sophie invited us all to her house on New Year's Day. The rabble showed up, hung over, along with myself and the children. We chatted in the kitchen and I left. sad, thinking that never would a woman as desirable as her consider

a jumbled creature such as myself. Fortunately, little Sam had saved the day and gone and left his hat

For Sophie the problem is delicate, sometimes painful. Before our wedding the children suffered, afraid of change, that Daddy might go, that now, with someone to love, he might leave them behind. Within a short time, the boys found Sophie for themselves. They found their strength, and confidence slowly returns. The boys now have a sister, Jasmine. The three await a fourth, due to arrive in September.

Still every day is precious. Sophie worries, I know, that the phone may ring and I will be called to France, It's horrid for her. Still, if we had an answer it would be wonderful for all of us, especially for Mo who still searches.

are a family now. Let's close the door. We are together. "Daddy? ... You know ...

Mummy? "Yes, What's up, Mo?"

"Do you have her telephone number? ... I mean, did ... did she leave a number?"

• Rupert Van den Bogaerde has just completed Jewbel's Lions, a book about

The political parties have always loved celebrities but attempts to rally Boffins for Blair mark a new direction, says Michael Gove

successful political campaign requires faith, hope and celebrity and the greatest of these is, undoubtedly, celebrity. No party can hope to convince the voter unless it can first be shown to have secured a few famous name endorsements. In the past, television hospitality suites and theatrical green rooms were plundered for Tory Tarbies and Labour luvvies but this election has seen a subtle shift. New Labour has recognised that it is no longer smart to be in the arts. Instead, possibly for the first time since Einstein, it's stylish

to be in science. Labour has recognised that it was enjoying the patronage of the wrong sort of Attenborough and earlier this week published a list of 21 prominent labcoated Labour supporters. Some of those supporters, currently abroad, promised to reverse the brain drain if the party's plans for a new science and technology trust worked. Labour's promise may just

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Why it is stylish to be a scientist be, like hydrogen, a lot of gas that will blow up in its face, but the party's attempts to raily Boffins for Blair does show a deft appreciation of social trends.

Science and scientists are enjoying a new vogue. From the round-table discussions of Start the Week to dinner-table conversations in the smarter suburbs, the place once reserved for the writer who could talk, and briefly occupied by the chef who could write, is increasingly graced by the scientist who can discuss Fornasetti plates and petri dishes with

Deborah Cohen, head of radio science programmes at the BBC, suspects the world outside the laboratory is beginning to realise that "scientific ideas are just more exciting - they address the big

universe the meaning of life". The BBC has played a significant part in nudging scientists out of the chemical cupboard. Science has powerful patrons in John Birt himself an engineer in Armani, and novelist and broadcaster Melvyn Bragg. In the past year there has been a 26 per cent increase

in science-related output. Bragg is not the only aesthete to acknowledge the power of scientific ideas. At last year's Edinburgh Festival, the literary critic George Steiner argued that science had now "seized the high ground of intellectual



Richard Dawkins

Today's scientist appreciates good design and the importance of presentation. According to John Mulvey, of Save British Science, competition for limited funds has forced scientists to sell themselves more vigorously. In marketing

terms there are two paths, either the man

endeavour" from the arts. Influential ideas attract black master of precision, modelled on the chaos theorist played by Jeff Goldblum in Jurassic Park, or the intellectuals, but the inintellectual adventurer in the fashion of creasing popularity of sci-Harrison Ford's Indiana Jones. ence also depends on The most notable laboratory luvvie, the heavyweight personalities. Oxford geneticist Richard Dawkins, is The increasing prominence of a group of fluent and

out of the first mould, his rival, the former Reith lecturer and Daily Telegraph columnist Steve Jones, out of the second. They exemplify the new sexiness of science along with Desert Island Discs guest Susan Greenfield, a Professor of Pharmacology at Oxford, and Any Questions panellist Lewis Wolpert, an embryologist at University College London.

Greenfield has benefitted, along with the neuroscientist Steven Rose and Professor Colin Blakemore, the presi-

dent-in-waiting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, by operating in a field that fascinates, All three are experts in the working of the brain. A generation that has lost faith in the soul and finds psychoanalysis more pseudo than scientific still needs an explanation for human motivation. Part of that need is satisfied by works such as Greenfield's Journey to the Centres of the Mind: Towards a Science of

Another part of the appetite for explanations of how we are the way we are is supplied by the geneticists. Big questions of identity and motivation find in the cool certainties of a Darwinist like Dawkins the sort of authoritative answer the Church no longer seems willing to Fashion may be fickle, but after the Big

Bang science has enjoyed recently its practitioners are hoping that its trendiness will prove to be a Steady State.

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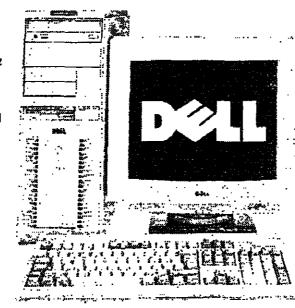
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The Tories, Europe and the people

John Redwood says Major and

his party must just agree to differ

urope is the big issue of this election. The elec-tion is not just about who will govern Britain for the next four or five years; it is about whether there will be an independent Britain left to govern at the end of the next Parliament.

Just look at the European plans, stretching ahead to the millennium. At the Amsterdam conference, the Commission would like us to give up more of our right to veto. It wants us to sign up to a common foreign and security policy. It wants us to take significant steps towards a European army, navy and airforce. It wants Europe to be a single country, represented by a chain of embassies around the world, expressing a single view of each world problem.

As if that were not enough. early in 1998 the European Union will decide which countries qualify for the single currency. Some countries are likely to go ahead with plans to abolish their national currencies. Documents are being drafted recommending fixing tax levels in different countries within common bands. Chancellor Kohl says openly that the price of monetary union

is political union. How can you interpret political and monetary union as other than the construction of a new country called Europe?

No wonder so many Conservative candidates in this election have said that they must tell the public about

and spell out where they stand. Instead of castigating the Conservative Party, jour-nalists of mettle should be hounding the Opposition candidates to force them to tell us what they think about all this.

On most European issues, Conservatives are united. Our manifesto speaks for all when it says we are against a federal Europe. We oppose the social chapter. We oppose more erosion of the veto. We oppose a common EU defence, preferring to trust in Nato. The Opposition has prevaricated over these fundamentals, leaving us unclear as to how much of our right to govern ourselves it would relinquish.

It is true that two different positions are adopted by Conservatives with regard to the single currency. It looks as if as many as 200 candidates out of the 250 seats held by Conservative backbenchers in 1992 will tell their electors that they do not want a single currency. Most will state clearly that they would not vote to abolish the pound in the next Parliament. Ministers and a few dozen other candidates will stress the "wait and see" policy of the Government.

The Prime Minister has spent an enormous amount of personal political capital in proposing and defending his "negotiate and decide" policy. He needs the support of all his ministerial team, and has said he will sack anyone who disagrees. It is the combined judgment of the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer that while further matters remain to be

decided under the Maastricht single currency scheme, they should leave Britain's position open. I respect the Prime Minister's judgment. I am delighted that he in turn respects the rights of all those who say they seek election to Parliament to urge the government to say no to a single

Some say that these different stances are damaging the Conservative campaign. These critics need to ask themselves why Conservative poll ratings on the issue of Europe are so much better than poll ratings on other matters. If Europe were causing the problems. Conservatives would be well behind on this issue itself.

What the polls are telling me is that people prefer a more cautious stance on European integration. The more caution Conservatives show, the better it will be. My conversations on the doorsteps tell me that many voters think Europe is a crucial issue, and want to have

their say on it. As the election develops, the Government could strengthen its case at home and abroad by telling us how it wishes to secure our interests in the negotiations. Of course it should not give away its bargaining strat-

It is true:

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egy, but it would be reassuring to know what kind of mone-tary and financial arrangements it would like to see in Europe. The Government has been clear about the veto and about other moves at Amster-

dam towards more these momentous decisions integration. It has said "no" in advance. As our EU partners discuss the stability pact, the change from the ecu to the euro, and the details of how the central bank will work, the Government could only gain by telling us more of what it would like to achieve.

> The Conservative Party in the country has been united for many a long month: united in support of a common market but against a common government. We said we want to trade with Europe, be friends with Europe, and do things together when that makes sense. We have long resisted too many new laws, regulations, higher costs and policies that work against Britain's interests. It comes as no surprise to me to learn that as many as 200 candidates in Conservative areas oppose the euro. They are speaking for most in the party who see the single currency as being the next big step towards a

superstate. We must understand and respect the Government's position. The Prime Minister must have his way in the Government and stick to the policy he believes in Meanwhile Labour will duck the issue and the federal-inclining Liberal Democrats will keep quiet. They both fear that their Eurosceptic supporters will jump ship if they are told the truth. Most Conservatives want to keep British democracy in these islands. No wonder so many have nailed their colours to the Union Jack.

The author is Conservative candidate for Wokingham.



ON THE DEFENCE

Tiger, burning bright

Marxist or a snob to see that class is a powerful social influence. like nationhood, religion or race. Most reasonable people want to reduce class consciousness, though traditional Marxists wanted to raise it, but class is so widespread in human history that it is doubtful whether a truly classless society has ever existed. In any case, all meritocratic societies have to rely on creating ladders for social advancement, which can be climbed on merit. The purpose of a such a society is not to become classless, but to use a mobile and open class struc-

ture to encourage competitive self-

improvement. In the United States and Britain there is a growing underclass. suffering from poor education, poor job opportunities, poor health, poverty, the breakdown of family structures, bad housing, crime, drugs and social alienation. The problem is that it is worse in the big cities of the United States; in both countries it is related to race. There are some signs of a decline in America of wo of the most damagi this problem, drugs and crime, and employment levels are higher in America than in Britain or Europe. Yet it is far too early to suppose that the problem is being solved; indeed, modern computer technology may be dividing society still fur-ther, because it is largely inaccessible to the undereducated and the

very poor. Into this social tragedy there has stepped a figure of new hope. Tiger Woods. He has almost instantly become one of the greatest of American superstars, the most significant new role model for young American blacks of the late 1990s. His victory in the Augusta Masters was won by the largest margin in any tournament since young Tom Morris" won the British Open in 1870. Augusta was the first major champ-ionship to be won by a black golfer. Tiger Woods is of half Afro-American and half-Thai descent. He is only 21 and has recently become a professional. On this form, he is the greatest golfer of his generation. arguably even greater than Jack Nicklaus, the dominant figure of a generation ago. He has already become very rich, and there is talk of him becoming the first sporting billionaire if he enjoys a full career at his present level.

Racial prejudice is at least as common

in America as in Britain, yet there is no British Tiger Woods. Why not?

Golf is a middle-class game and a white man's game. The Augusta club itself has only a couple of black members, the first of whom seems to have joined only in the early 1990s. Tiger Woods has a unique talent, no doubt genetically determined, but he has been playing golf since he was only three years old. He was able to do so because his father. Earl Woods, could afford it. He was able to afford it because he was

himself a member of the American middle-class.

was the US Army. He fought in Vietnam and rose to be a Lieutenant-Colonel. He brought up middle-class cumstances, and taught him middle-

class manners. Tiger Woods has the friendly and relaxed style in front of the camera that helped to make Tony Blair the leader of the Labour Party. His is a middle-class manner, not the manner of the black slums

In the United States, racial prejudice is at least as common as it is in Britain, and much more bitter. When Colin Powell was urged to run as President of the United States, he had to consider seriously the risk of assassination. In Britain, black man who became leader of his party would not be murdered, but then he would not be asked to become leader. We lack some of the social ladders out of the underclass and into the professional class which Colin Powell climbed. In particular we lack the ladder of black promotion that exists in the US Army. I do not know how many black colonels, let alone generals, the British Army has: I have never met one, nor can I remember seeing one interviewed on television. On the contrary, one reads of keen young black soldiers who have been forced out of crack British regiments by racist bullying which their white officers failed to prevent,

In Britain, the Afro-Caribbean community has suffered in one important respect relative to the Asian communities. It does not have anything like as strong a commercial culture. It is now absolutely normal to meet middle-class Asians who have risen to prosperity, and sometimes to great wealth, through successful commercial careers. Afro-Caribbeans are more like to be found in the caring professions, as teachers, nurses or doctors. There are a number of lawyers. But one seldom Earl Woods's avenue of promotion, sees them in well-paying commercial like that of General Colin Powell, jobs: in general Afro-Caribbean

women seem to have done better in the job market than the men.

There has been some encouragement to create rol models through government action, but nothing like

enough. In the past ten years, there have been only a couple of Airo-Caribbean life peers, and as yet no Afro-Caribbean life pecress seems to have been appointed. Jocelyn Barrow, who was made a Dame in 1992 for her excellent work in broadcasting regulation - she was probably the most effective Governor of the BBC of her generation - was the first British resident woman of Afro-Caribbean descent to have been made a Dame. The honours system ought to have been used to encourage the development of positive models for minority communities.

oth in Britain and the United States, the school system has failed the underclass. When Jewish immigrants came, fleeing from the Russian pogroms before the First World War, they settled in the slums of the East End. They had the commercial culture which has also been the way out of the ghetto for countless Asian families, and they took advantage of educational opportunities. Many of them, such as Arnold Goodman and Harold Pinter, found that Hackney Downs Grammar School was their

passport to professional opportunity. Hackney Downs was converted to a comprehensive and has now been closed as a failed school. In general, inner-city comprehensives have been unable to provide such good exits from the inner-city trap as the grammar schools used to. In America, where many inner-city schools have metal detectors at the gates to stop children bringing guns into the classroom, the educational failure has been even more profound.

The Tiger Woods pattern recognises the importance of unusual human talents. It accepts the func-tional value of classes, however fluid, open and meritocratic they maybe. It encourages people to take their opportunities to get out of the trap of the racial underclass. whether through selective schools, entry to professions, including the armed forces, through talent in sport or entertainment, or through the corner shop. It encourages people to better themselves, and accepts the fact that growing benefits may accrue to following generations. Tony Blair's father moved himself up and out of the working-class Glasgow of his childhood, itself a better environment than that of the modern underclass: he gave his son middle-class opportunities. That was a good thing to do. If Tony Blair had gone to an inner-city comprehensive, it is not likely he

would be about to be Prime Minister. Much modern social theory, particularly on the Left, has been hostile to this process. The Left has actually made it harder for people to move upwards in society, while professing to believe in equality in opportunity. Harold Pinter is a man of my generation. If he had been born in 1980 rather than 1930, and if his father had been Afro-Caribbean rather than Jewish, he would have found it much harder to fulfil his remarkable talents. He certainly would not have had Hackney Downs Grammar School as the launching

pad for his career. Earl Woods climbed the ladder of the US Army; that made it possible for Tiger Woods in his turn to climb the ladder of golf. The result is that young Afro-Americans who are trapped in the underclass have a model to give them new hope, and greater pride in their race. We have to ask whether the ladders exist to allow an Earl Woods or a Tiger Woods an equally good chance of success in Britain.

Peter Brooker Load my boot, Mr Rifkind?

Magnus Linklater on the indignities

of canvassing

The candidate is standing on a busy corner on a Saturday afternoon. She has two helpers with balloons and a pile of Tony Blair's pledge cards ("Keep this card and see that we keep our promises"). There are a couple of minders in the background, and a man with a mobile telephone. They survey the passing shoppers, handing out cards to those who seem approachable, avoiding the obviously hostile.

An innocent group, perhaps a family out for an afternoon stroll, notices the balloons first, then the candidate, puts two and two together and adopts evasive action. This may involve a hurried decision to cross the road, or a sort of heads-down charge in the hope that an off-putting expression will prevent the embar-

rassment of being waylaid. Frequently it works. As the candidate puts it, "If somebody makes it clear they don't want to talk, then I'm not going to try and persuade them otherwise." Her own technique, like the Ancient Mariner's, is that she stoppeth one in three. Not all of them appreciate it. My calculation was that within the space of an hour she had a brief one-sided conversation with six people. a proper discussion with three, all of whom said they were Labour supporters anyway — and a brush-off from the rest. At best nine contacts, with no obvious conversion to report. Let's be generous and call it 12. Five hours of this a day would produce 60 people approached directly, or 1.260 in a three-week campaign. That's 2 per cent of the constituency's voters. In terms of cost-effective canvassing it hardly registers. Ah, but there's the visibility, says

one of her minders. We've got to be seen on the streets. These things count, you know. But I wonder. After observing several candidates in different constituencies over the past couple of weeks. I am struck both by how manifestly inefficient it is, and by how little it has changed. There was nothing essentially different between what I saw on the streets of Morningside last Saturday and the very first campaign I can remember. that of a National Liberal stumping through a small Highland town some time in the 1950s, buttonholing farmers and telling them how to vote. Of course, the technique differs

from candidate to candidate. A fami-liar figure like Malcolm Rifkind or Michael Forsyth will turn it into a glad-handing affair, full of badinage and forced cheeriness, in which attendant reporters and photographers are at least as important as the potentia voters. Even here, however, a time and motion expert would have had pause for thought. On the day I was out with him. one of Mr Rifkind's "photoopportunities" was at a local conservation centre, where he and Ian Lang spent half an hour examining a canal. It was a very fine canal, but if the Times photographer and I had not been in attendance, it would have been a rather lonely affair.

ome concentrate on door-todoor canvassing, which gives a lower rate of return but a better chance of pinning down a floating voter. Much of the time here is spent waiting for doors to open. Those who do answer the bell often regret it as soon as they see who is on the other side, and the candidate realises that he may well be interrupting a television programme which really could influence opinion. The re-sponse he really fears, of course, is the over-welcoming householder who invites him in, sits him down for a cup of tea, embarks on a lengthy political diatribe, then reveals that he

registered in another constitutency. Meeting the electorate has become more difficult as social patterns have changed. Public meetings have been virtually abandoned because no one turns up. Austin Mitchell, fighting his Grimsby seat for the lifth time. was just setting off for one when I spoke to him. "How many people do you expect?" I asked. "Oh, none," he said cheerfully. "Of course, there might be the odd crank with an axe ready to plant in my head." He eschews telephone canvassing "because I'm not a natural double-glazing salesman," but admits it is getting harder to communicate with his electorate. Not only are people more wary, but the potential venues are lewer and fewer. Many of the superstores, where most shoppers are to be found at weekends, prevent canvassers from entering the premises - hence the undignified sight last week of the Foreign Secretary hovering in an Asda carpark offering to help load plastic

"Frustrating, wasteful and ineffi-cient," was Mr Mitchell's verdict.
"But we do it because we've got to find something to do. What else is there?" What indeed? And these are the only opportunities we have of inspecting our future representatives face to face, unprotected by privilege or protocol, and asking them what we damn well like. It was Macaulay who said that the point of an election was to give the nation the means of scrutinising those who serve it: "If a man finds that he derives no benefit from the prescription of his physician, he calls in another. If his shoes do not fit. he changes his shoemaker." This is the chance we have of doing just that. It's called democracy, and it's hard to think of a decent substitute.

Fat Chancellor

RELATIONS between the Tories and the Clinton Administration must be as strained as an Arkansan's gut on barbecue day after some sharp words from Robert Reich. President Clinton's former Labour Secretary, about the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke.

Reich, whose friendship with Clinton goes back to their days as Rhodes scholars at Oxford, has just published a highly entertaining account of his time in government called Locked in the Cabinet.

in an entry from early 1994, he vrites of a visit to the international jobs summit. "The jobs summit is a deadly bore," says Reich, probably the most liberal member of Clinton's inner circle. "I have to sit next to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who talks endlessly about the the virtues of the free market and the social benefits of selfishness, all with such pomposity that I have to restrain myself from causing an international incident by telling him what I think. He is as rotund as he is arrogant, a thoughtless disciple of Margaret Thatcher. Will the Tories wreck Britain before the British wreck the Tories?

Unsurprisingly, perhaps. Reich is treated as a guru by the Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown and his principal adviser, Ed Balls.

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WHEN it comes to civilised advice about how to stay healthy through the rigours of an election cam-



"I dreamt that John Major was going naked into the negotiating chamber again"



paign, the centrist French UDF party has got it just about right. Instead of Mandelsonian exhortations to vitamin-munching and gym visits, it advises candidates for the general legislative elections that "an afternoon siesta is imperative".

Dunkirkin

ROMANTICS across Sussex are in raptures over Viscount Cowdray's plans for a memorial to his late father. On his Midhurst estate, beside the tranquil Benbow pond, by a spreading arboretum. Cow-dray wants to build a classical stone temple, dorned, pillared and serene. It will be a fittingly straightforward monument to a man who, despite his vast wealth. chose cottage pie abuve caviar and who remarked at Dunkirk when

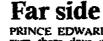
he found he had lost his arm: Thank God, now I won't have to play golf any more."

Coe & co

WITH A majority of just 3,267 at the last election, the spotless Con-servative candidate for Falmouth and Camborne. Sebastian Coe. will not be coasting to an easy win on polling day.

Matters are unlikely to improve in his camp when he hears that Labour has just signed up Coe's middle-distance rival Peter Elliot.





PRINCE EDWARD, earning his corn these days as a television producer and presenter, is hawking around an idea for a new series which will examine the differences between British and American institutions,

an Olympic silver medalist last

seen hobnobbing in his home town

Rotherham with Labour's local

The first stop on the canvassing trail for Elliot, who grabbed silver

in the 1,500 metres in the 1988

Olympics, is Falmouth - to out

chap, Denis MacShane.

Coe through his paces.

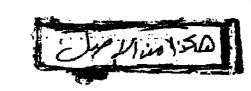
The idea, I gather, is to contrast such events as Wimbledon and the US tennis Open (strawberries and cream versus chewing gum and pretzels). He may also look at how Sandhurst measures up to New York's West Point military academy, compare Hyde Park to Central Park, the City to Wall Street, and perhaps even east an eye over Buckingham Palace and the White House. The working title is Divided by a Common Language.

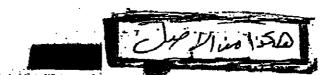
Charles Spencer is 32-year-old Catherine Fairweather, the delightful daughter of the former Ambassador to Rome, Sir Patrick



Fairweather: friend

Fairweather. Their friendship begun at Althorp, Spencer's Northamptonshire stately home. "I was invited to a house party rather at the last minute." Catherine recalls. "He was very forthcom-ing but I didn't take it too serious-Soon afterwards, bound for South Africa in her capacity as travel editor of Harpers & Queen, she fell into his company again — munaging to squeeze in a quiet lunch with the frisky earl in Cape







DEFINING ISSUE

The Tory party changes as the leadership looks on

As Tory MPs break cover in ever greater numbers in opposition to a single currency. the divide between constituency and government has become gaping. John Major took the risk of widening it further yesterday by reiterating in an impassioned speech the case for continuing to keep Britain's options open on the single currency. It was a prime ministerial performance and impressive for its vigour and sincerity. It may too have helped establish the Government's commitment against the Social Chapter and in favour of an EMU referendum. But many voters who oppose future European integration will still feel confused. Should they reward the courage of their local Tory candidate who has gone further, defied the party line and ruled out support for a single currency? Or do they prefer to punish a Tory government that, however powerfully its vacillation is explained, vacillates still?

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That question is compounded for voters by the evasions of the Labour leadership. Hiding behind the skirts of Mr Major's "wait-and-see" policy has been Tony Blair's only tactic. Mr Blair has many reasons for wariness about a single currency; but the "formidable obstacles" of which he speaks are fundamentally in his own head. His party is now greatly more enthusiastic for EMU than are the Conservatives. To say that there is no difference between the formal positions of the two parties is not a satisfactory explanation of what a Labour

government would do. Both Mr Major and Mr Blair refuse to divulge their intentions on the single currency because they claim that to do so would damage Britain's negotiating position in Europe. But both leaders have more cynical reasons too. Mr Major will not rule out joining in the next Parliament because his Chancellor, even in this fearful time for the party's fortunes, will not let him. Mr Blair will keep his options open because he feels no pressure to do otherwise and because he fears losing business support.

Our MORI poll today shows that 58 per cent of voters do not want Britain to join EMU against just 22 per cent who are in favour. But only 33 per cent want the option ruled out now, while 57 per cent want to keep the options open. Perhaps the main party leaders will take heart from this and feel confident in the obscurity of their positions from now until polling day.

Yet voters deserve more information on which to cast their vote. For too long they have been expected to decode nods and winks. Mr Major has seemed to wink with alternate eyes. Gordon Brown and Robin Cook have nodded and shaken their heads on different days. This sign language remains impossible to decipher.

It is absurd to suggest, as Kenneth Clarke did yesterday, that British ministers would be no more influential than a piece of furniture if they ruled out joining in 1999. A Briton chairs the EU's monetary committee. The British Prime Minister will be in the chair when the members of EMU are determined Britain's European partners are already convinced that this country will not be in the first wave of monetary union. whichever party wins power. It would do no harm to the British negotiating position for both leaders to confirm that suspicion.

The question then remains: are they likely to want to join in a second wave later in the Parliament? The rebellion of Tory candidates has already ensured, in Mr Major's words, that he will "go naked into the conference chamber". It is now clear that he would not be able to join EMU except by relying on Opposition votes and splitting his party. Mr Major would lose little kudos in Europe by publicly accepting reality.

Mr Blair argues that the main consideration will be the national economic interest. If that is the case, he will have to wait until the euro is up and running for several years before he will be able to judge where Britain's economic interest lies. Even supposing that the single currency starts as planned, in 1999, it is hardly likely to be clear within the first three years whether Britain is flourishing or suffering from being outside the zone. By then a new general election will be looming.

Mr Blair could easily say that, while he has few principled objections to the single currency, he intends to adopt the traditional pragmatic caution of the British before embarking on such a big step. Without sounding viscerally anti-European, he could assuage the fears of voters in this election. He would still be keeping Britain's options open in the medium term. He would prevent the Tory party from reaping the benefits of his evasiveness. If he does not make such a statement, he will make a mistake on what stands to be a defining issue of this election.

I'M BILL, FLY ME

First lady, first plane, first cat, first scandal

scandal in wave after wave. The controversies that have stalked Bill Clinton's second term suddenly advanced on several fronts. The Democratic National Committee admitted that trips on Air Force One had been offered as a reward for political contributions. Erskine Bowles, White House Chief of Staff, testified before a grand jury over accusations that "hush money" had been paid to Webster Hubbell, former Associate Attorney-General and crucial figure in the Whitewater affair. Finally, Jim McDougal, the pivotal player in that drama, declared that he was "sick and tired" of lying for the Clintons. He has offered new evidence to Kenneth Starr, Whitewater special counsel.

The American public seems resigned to these events. It appears an accepted part of this presidency: first lady, first plane, first cat, first scandal. That may prove true to the last day of his tenure. Even so, this phalanx of problems has proved more politically inconvenient than its predecessors. There are four separate strands of scandal facing the Oval Office. The first, as ever, is Whitewater. The second is whether Mr Hubbell's silence on that matter was secured through his bank account. The third is abuse of office to attract campaign contributions. Finally, and most dangerously, there is the "China connection", a confluence of Asian regimes, ambitious Asian-American entrepreneurs, Democratic Party funding, and US trade policy.

In his first term the accusations against him spaced themselves out conveniently.

Washington has been struck this week by That allowed the White House to stonewall, release information slowly in small slices and play for time. These techniques permitted damage limitation. Now that four attacks have arrived simultaneously, the strategy cannot be successfully replicated. Furthermore, while most of his past woes could be portrayed as a legacy of his Arkansas period or the product of early inexperience in Washington, the current concerns predominantly date from the time he was securely in power.

All the early scandals centered on close Clinton intimates. The cast of characters involved has since expanded to include White House officials, Commerce Department employees, Democratic Party operatives and citizens who exchanged personal wealth for political access. There are hundreds of people with the capacity to damage this Administration. If Mr Mc-Dougal is "sick and tired" of defending the Clintons he is not alone. Democrats in Congress are similarly exhausted. They have not forgiven the President for his failure to campaign fully on their behalf last year. Many of them are making plans to run against Vice-President Gore in 2000.

None of this means Mr Clinton will be driven from office. Scandal, however, will be a tireless companion of his second term. That will continuously undermine his Administration. It will affect the wider interests of the United States as well. Mr Clinton had hoped to avoid "lame-duck" status until after the mid-term elections of 1998. He stands condemned to that already.

DEATH IN MECCA

The haj is touched by tragedy again

President Clinton, Malcolm Rifkind and Kofi Annan have joined Muslim leaders around the world in sending condolences to the victims and relatives of those burnt to death in the fire which swept the pilgrim tents outside Mecca on the eve of the climax to the annual haj. The tragedy is especially poignant, for the pilgrimage is one of the five tenets of Islam and the 217 victims were performing a religious duty that for most is

the culmination of a lifetime. The only consolation is that there were not more victims. Saudi rescue workers were widely praised for reacting swiftly to the disaster. In truth the accident was difficult to avert. More than 70,000 flimsy tents are clustered in the blazing heat, row upon row, in the encampment seven miles from Mecca. The pilgrims, many who come from simple villages far away, are often unsophisticated about safety, and almost all have little portable stoves for cooking their meals. A gas cylinder probably caused the fire; a terce wind was blowing; and within minute Swirling flames had engulfed the settlement. Saudi Arabia, which takes huge pride in its religious obligations as guardian of the two holy cities, has spent some £12 billion in

recent years to improve safety and facilities for the pilgrimage. But organising the arrival and accommodation of two million people all at the same time is a logistical challenge that almost any government would find hard to meet.

Illness, overcrowding, quarrels and mass hysteria are ever-present dangers. And all too often in recent years there have also been greater catastrophes. In 1990 1,426 people were crushed to death during a stampede in a tunnel; four years later a further 270 were killed in another crush. Some 300 people were killed when a plane bringing pilgrims burst into flames after one passenger attempted to light a stove and cook food in the aisle. And political clashes have also taken their toll, most notably in 1987 when 402 people were killed, mostly Iranians.

during a clash with Saudi security forces. As the world Muslim community grows. safety cannot be guaranteed. But Muslims have never expected the pilgrimage to be easy. In the past many perished on the long road to Mecca, and few were able to return home with the title Haji. For Muslims, as for Christians, he who would valiant be must arm himself 'gainst all disaster.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sale of fish quotas Churches' report on unemployment to foreign interests

From Mr David Gladstone

Sir, I find it hard to disentangle the logic of the case for outlawing quotahopping in British waters, supported by both Mr Major and your leading article today.

Granted that the British Government of the time negotiated a bad deal for our fishermen in 1972, what has one wrong since our accession to the EEC has more to do with the workings of sovereign market forces than with any machinations of Brussels.

In response to the prospect of diminishing returns on their capital outlays in the North Sea, and the absence of financial help from the Government, many British fishermen have done the economically rational thing and sold their quotas to the highest bidders — who happen all to be foreigners.

What distinguishes their behaviour from that of countless other respected entrepreneurs, such as water utility chairmen? Or, from a more political perspective, what distinguishes them from those other relics of our industrial past, the miners? Unlike fish, a declining asset, there is a mass of coal still to be mined and, as the Tower colliery in South Wales among others has shown, still profit to be made from it. Yet the mining industry has been destroyed by the same Government that now strives mightily to preserve fishing at all (political) costs.

But of course more fishermen than miners live in marginal constit-

Yours faithfully, DAVID GLADSTONE, 1 Mountfort Terrace, N1.

From Mr E. G. Brisley

Sir, The reason why so much of the originally British quota is now owned by Spanish and Dutch interests is presumably because British fishing interests sold it to them: not illegal, and certainly not reprehensible in a society dedicated to free enterprise. There is a simple remedy for those who seem

to find the consequences objectionable
buy it, or its equivalent, back again.
I object strongly that we are threatening to use valuable negotiating

strength in Europe for such a cause. The problem has been created by members of the industry and the solution lies in their hands also. The Government should tell them to stop whingeing and get on with it.

Yours faithfully E. G. BRISLEY. Southwind. Sandhills Road, Salcombe, Devon. April 15.

From Mr David Green

Sir, Before people get too carried away over quota-hopping they should remember that there is still no significant market in this country for the vast majority of the species of fish now caught in our waters; that whoever catches them still relies utterly on continued continental European demand for them: and that here in Wales at east the Government, while Nicholas Edwards was Secretary of State in the 1980s, was actively encouraging Spaniards to enter into ventures with British fishing licence holders so that they might revive our fishing industry with specialised continental fishing and marketing know-how. And any who now visit Milford Haven can see just how successful he was.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN, Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

From Mr Alun Hotchkiss

Sir, Since the European Commission seeks a reduction on fishing fleet strength of some 30 per cent, and since some 26 per cent of British-registered fishing vessels are "quota-hoppers", it seems a shame that the Government cannot simply refuse to renew the registration and licences of these non-British-owned vessels.

This would reduce the fleet's strength without any direct effect on the home economy, while signalling that Britain is willing to take steps to help maintain fishing stocks.

Yours faithfully, ALUN HOTCHKISS. L-6111 Junglinster, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. April 16.

Pedestrian crossings

From Mr Paul Clements

Sir, I have also noticed new and exotic forms of crossings (Mr Mark Whitby's letter, April 16) appearing in parts of Hammersmith and Fulham, in particular, the addition of red "goose-bumped" curbs on either side of those sections of roads with central islands. which are presumably there to assist crossing. However, there are no zebra markings to alert drivers.

Since the "goosebumps" must act as an aid to blind people in locating crossings, is it not conceivable that some may now step out confidently into the path of an oncoming motor-

Yours faithfully, PAUL CLEMENTS. 1 Landor Walk, W12. April 16.

From Professor Sir Douglas Hague Sir, The report by the Joint Council of Churches on unemployment (details, April 8, later editions, leading article, April 9; letters, April 12) is too politically and academically correct. It cannot break out of current orthodoxies. The choice of the group's chairman, the Right Reverend David Sheppard.

Bishop of Liverpool, determined the nature of the findings even before Unemployment is not a sociological, economic or an educational phe-

nomenon: it is all of them and more. Whether or not, as Andrew Britton, the report's main author, claims, this is 1990s, not 1960s, economics is beside the point. As with all the big challenges of our time, economics alone is not enough. Getting to grips with the problem of unemployment requires a multi-dimensional approach.

The hyper-specialisation of academics and researchers has again let us down. We need thinking which analyses the large and complex systems that underlie issues like unemployment. A key question today is how to achieve a radical shift in academic attitudes and therefore in the approach of researchers and policymakers.

The big research funds - like the Economic and Social Research Council and Rowntree - should make a start. They should weaken their links with uni-dimensional academic establishments and the peer groups which have captured them. They should begin to encourage unconventional minds to develop ways of understanding and influencing complex systems. Only then can civil servants and politicians learn to handle big issues effectively.

Until then there will be the disappointing predictability found in most reports of this kind. And the bigger the issue, the more distressing that will be.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS HAGUE, Old School, Church Hanborough. Witney, Oxfordshire.

From Dr Robert Oresko

Turin fire

Sir, In reporting on the tragic fire in Turin, you have concentrated on the valiant rescue of the Holy Shroud and the possible causes of the blaze (report and article, April 14). One further element of this disaster

demands attention, the gutting of Guarino Guarini's chapel erected in the 17th century specifically to house the shroud. This was an architectural masterpiece of European importance, which belonged, as Rudolf Wittkower observed, "to the finest class of Italian baroque architecture" (Art and Architecture in Italy, 1600-1750, Pelican History).

Only two days after the fire, it is still difficult to measure the extent of the structural damage to Guarini's cele-brated cupola. Similarly, it is impossible to gauge the harm done by the fire, but also by smoke and water, to the adjacent Palazzo Reale, where, according to my most recent reports,

some 200 paintings were destroyed. The Turin fire, combined with the prolonged closure of Filippo Juvarra's masteroiece. Palazzo Madama, only a few metres away from Guarini's chapel, means that one of the greatest and most important ensembles of baroque urbanism in the history of European art and architecture is now virtually inacressible.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT ORESKO (Research fellow). University of London. Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, WCl. April 14.

Drought measures

From the Director of the Water Services Association

Sir, I can certainly reassure Jean McLeod Forbes (letter, April 9) that the water and sewerage companies are "taking positive steps to ensure the future availability of water in all areas" and to protect the environment. Leakage is being tackled with great resolve. It is difficult, disruptive and

expensive, but it is recognised as a high priority. The companies are working with their customers to promote conservation and avoid waste. New technology is bringing water into supply that could not have been

treated to the necessary exacting quality standards years ago. There is heavy investment in regional distribution systems and in

inter-regional transfers of water where these have a part to play. Some new reservoirs are being

planned against the possibility that all these solutions may not be enough in the driest parts of the country to cater for higher demand stimulated by changes in the size and distribution of the population. Yours faithfully.

JANET LANGDON. Director. The Water Services Association of England and Wales, I Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. April II.

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From Mr William Deller

Sir, If the Churches were asked how to make ice cream they would no doubt answer: "Increase public expenditure; increase taxes." The answer to the question of how to reduce unemployment is quite the opposite.

Much potential employment gives low rewards. Our taxation system. particularly indirect taxes, in effect prevents such employment, unless carried out as public employment, which increases public expenditure even more and makes the problem

It is the taxation burden which loads the dice against the interests of the unemployed.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM DELLER 42 Surley Row, Caversham. Reading, Berkshire. April 9.

From the Reverend Nicolas Stacey

Sir, Since the two main political parties are pledged not to increase the higher rates of taxation, could not the Churches set up a charitable trust and invite all those earning more than £100,000 a year to covenant to it?

The trust's task would be to implement some of the expansion of employment schemes recommended in the Joint Council's report.

Its directors would be recruited from the donors, thereby harnessing the abilities of some of the ablest people in the country, and all donors would become "shareholders" to try and ensure their ongoing interest in

If the trust is successful in job creation the public might come to see that extra expenditure really does deliver what the Churches' report claims

Yours faithfully, NICOLAS STACEY, The Old Vicarage, Selling, Faversham, Kent.

Aerospace engineers

From Professor D. Poll, FEng, FRAeS

Sir. A recent report describing the in-ability of British Aerospace to recruit suitably qualified graduates, and its consequent plan to set up its own "university", painted an unflattering pic-ture of the provision of aerospace engineering education in the UK Idetails, March 12). It is my experience that at undergraduate level aerospace courses attract the brightest and best students in the engineering sector.

The average of A-level scores at entry is significantly higher than that for traditional mechanical and civil engineering courses: there are about three applications for every place available and many students now follow a fouryear MEng programme.

The top-rank courses are accredited by the professional institutions acting on behalf of the Engineering Council, ensuring that the courses are relevant and comprehensive in the coverage of the subject, and much of this process is conducted by people from industry. The quality of graduates produced is second to none and many rise to very senior positions in a wide variety of

occupations. This leaves just one question open. Why do these graduates not go to BAe. It is not because there is a dearth of high-quality graduates in aerospace engineering. I believe the answer lies in the company's inept approach to graduate recruitment.

Yours faithfully, D. I. A. POLL (Head), College of Aeronautics, Cranfield University, Bedfordshire MK43 0AL.

Tinderbox Britain

From Mr W. A. Low

Sir, "This day the dry weather has lasted a month"; "Farmers cannot sow for want of rain": "Rain at last after weeks of the driest weather". One might suppose that these remarks were made during the current spring, but they were not.

The first was written in his diary for March 31, 1768, by Gilbert White. living in Hampshire. The second was also by him for the same day three years later. The last was from Richard Jefferies' diary written in Surrey, for March 31, 1880. (All are quoted in Geoffrey Grigson's The English Year. Oxford University Press, 1967.)

W. A. LOW, 65 & 66 Regency Square, Brighton, Sussex.

Yours faithfully.

From Mr Richard F. Morgan

Sir, Twenty-five queen wasps have been caught entering our conservatory during the past two days. My optimistic half is cheered by the thought of not being "stung" by 25 call-out charges from our local pest-control operator. But my pessimistic half is shocked by the likelihood that there are many more free ones busy building new colonies.

Can any vespinologist suggest why so many queens were produced last year (we had only one nest nearby)? Or are such numbers normal, our mild winter allowing most to survive?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD F. MORGAN, 36 Pickletullum Road, Perth. April 10.

Is Labour barking up the wrong tree?

From Mr David Turner

Sir, I was amused to see the images of bulldogs and John Bull reappear as symbols of one-nation patriotism on your front page today, following the latest attempt by the Labour Party to win over the trust of the British elec-

The most notable case of an MP winning votes from the trust associated with the character of John Bull and his bulldog was Mr Horatio Bottomley, who was the Liberal MP for South Hackney intermittently between 1906 and 1922.

Bottomley used the characters as the potent symbols of his populist newspaper, John Bull, which was founded in 1906 and quickly found a mass following among the working classes in Edwardian England. He used the newspaper as a platform for his political views and it undoubtedly helped him to a comfortable majority in South Hackney.

Unfortunately, Bottomley also used the trust associated with John Bull to promote a staggering variety of bogus investment schemes to his readers and he subsequently ruined the personal finances of thousands of the honest working people he purported to represent.

Bottomley, a brilliant orator, was finally brought to trial for fraud in 1922 and sent to prison for seven years. By this time, however, he was so gorged with years of high living. fine food and Pommery champagne that a bespoke prison uniform had to be tailored to meet his substantial girth.

By this measure you should only trust someone embracing the symbol of John Bull or a bulldog as far as you can throw him - which in Mr Bottomley's case would not have been very far. I do not know how far one could throw Mr Blair but suspect Mr Major would be willing to give it an honest effort.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TURNER. 155 Chiswick Village, W4.

From Mr Brian D. Jones

Sir, What was so notable about Fitz in the Labour Party's broadcast on TV this evening? Surely any hound would strain to break its leash to go after a dog's breakfast as big as that being served up by Tony Blair.

Yours faithfully, Flat 2, 5 Pembroke Road. Westbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset. April 15.

From Mr Allan E. Bird

Sir, Can the selection of Fitz the bulldog for the Labour broadcast have anything to do with the comments of Ann Head who selected him? To quote her: "He has an easy-going person-ality and wants to please everybody." Who else could that be?

Yours sincerely ALLAN E. BIRD. Hazel Cottage, Underhill Lane, Lower Bourne, Farnham, Surrey.

The 'creative economy'

From Sir Cameron Mackintosh

Sir, We tend to take for granted that Britain's theatre and music is amongst the most successful and innovative in the world, as is a wide variety of related cultural activities from fashion and design to broadcasting and advertising. However, the success of our arts is invariably the result of a blend of native talent, government commitment and private enterprise.

Les Miserables, for example, has earned more than £800 million worldwide, but part of the reason for that show's huge success was the collaboration between myself and the subsidised theatre in the shape of the Royal Shakespeare Company. It was the fusion of our two resources and artistic commitment that made Les Miserables so special.

Without the pioneering work of our subsidised theatre and the excellence of many of our training institutions, the British theatre would not have the tremendous reputation that it has around the world. The theatre is one of the main reasons people come to London and I am delighted, therefore, to see that Tony Blair's commitment to develop what he recently called Britain's "creative economy" has now been reflected in Labour's election manifesto, which acknowledges the arts as having a central role in the life of our society and our future economic prospects. I fervently hope that this signals a brighter future for the arts and for those who work and seek to work in them.

Yours faithfully. CAMERON MACKINTOSH. Cameron Mackintosh Limited, Number One, Bedford Square, WCI. April II.

Still at sea?

From Mr Dennis Berry

Sir. Who are all these floating voters and where on earth have they been for these last 18 years?

DENNIS BERRY. 11 Fairacre. Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey. April 15.



COURT CIRCULAR

windbscr Castle
April 16: The Queen. Patron, the
Jockey Club, this evening visited the
Jockey Club Rooms. High Street,
Newmardet, and honoured the Senior Steward (Sir Thomas Pilkington,

Bid with her presence at Diruter.

The Duke of Edinburgh this alternoon visited the Museum of Berkshire Aviation, Woodley, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire (Mr Philip

Wroughton.
His Royal Highness, Trustee. The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal florough of Windsor and Maidenhead, this evening attended a meeting of the trustees, followed by Chimat Wordley. Park Wanter. Dinner, at Woolley Park, Wanmge, Berkshire

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 16: The Duke of York was
received by The President of the
Republic of Zimbabwe (the Hon
Robert Mugabe) at Zimbabwe House

this morning.
His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by the Poreign Minister (the Hon Dr Stanislaus Mudenge) at the Mont-clair Hotel, Nyanga. ciair Hotel, Nyanga.

The Duke of York afterwards attended a Dirmer given by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency Mr Martin Williams).

April ltr. The Princess Royal this morning attended the Annual Conference and Scientific Meeting at the College of Paedriatrics and Child Health. University of York. College of Paedriatrics and Child Health, University of York, Heslington, York, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Wandow (1997)

Worsley, Bu). Her Royal Highness, Patron. Vic-

tim Support Scotland, this afternoon visited Stirling Victim Support Scheme. 76 Port Street, and the Albert Hall, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, and was received by Mr Colin Donald

The Princess Royal, Past President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this evening attended a Dinner at the Quality Station Hotel, Leonard Street, Perth. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgomery, Bt). KENSINGTON PALACE

April It: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening attended the Premiere of The Goodbye Girl* at the Albery Theatre.

-London WC2, in aid of the National
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty
to Children, of which Her Royal
Highness is President, Help the
Aged, and the Hospital Heartbeat
Aged, and the Hospital

April ic: The Duke of Gioucester this afternoon departed London Heathrow Airport to carry out engagements in the Republic of Korea. Major Nicholas Barne is in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
April 16: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon opened the Community Addiction Centre, Marina House, the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SES. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 16: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Concert and Dinner in aid of the Voices Foundation at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Patron, will attend the British Horse Society Race Day at Newmarket, Suffolk at 215pm. The Princess Royal, as Past President. The Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend the Conference "Transport Needs from a Scottish Perspective at The Quality Station Hotel, Leonard Street, Perth at 9.25am; as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a fund-raising lun-cheon hosted by Hydro Electric, Scottish Hydro, Pidochry, Perthshire at 11.30; and will attend the Institution of Civil Engineers' Annual Dinner. The Grosvenor, House Hotel, Park Lane.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the City of London Sheriffs' Society's luncheon at Saddlers' The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the

annual dinner at the Institute of

Directors at 7.40. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District Hospital National Health Service Trust,

will open the Leopold Muller Arthritis Research Centre, Oswestry, Shropshire, at 11.30. Princess Alexandra will open the new community facilities at Wot-ton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire at 1.40; and will visit Sceats Resi-dential Home, Kenilworth at 3.00.

Edgehill College.

Term began yesterday. The May Ball for Sixth Formers and their parents will be held on Friday, May 2. The Senior School Sports Day is on Saturday, June 14, the Prep School Prize Giving and Sports Day on Saturday, June 21, and the Annual Fete on Saturday, June 28. Term ends on Friday, July 4.

Birthdays today

Mrs Sirimayo Bandaranaike, for mer Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, BI; Mr Chris Barber, jazz musician, 67; Mr John Barrett, tennis commentator, 66; Mr CJ. Brocksom, former chief executive, AXA Equity and Law Life Assur-ance Society, 61; Miss Joan Clague, former director of nursing ser-vices. Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 66; Miss Ruth Etchells, former Principal, St John's College, Durham, 66: Miss Clare Francis, novelist and former Freud, fashion designer, 36; Mrs Anne Harris, former national

Right Rev J. Yates, former Bishop at Lambeth, 72.

Frank Launder A service of thanksgiving for the life of Frank Launder is to be held

at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London WI, on Tuesday, April 29,

School news

Bideford, Devou

chairman, National Federation of Women's Institutes, 72: Mr Henry Kelly, broadcaster, 51; Mr James Last, bandleader, 68: Viscount Margesson, 75: the Hon Sir Humphrey Maud, diplomat, 63; Professor Peter Morris, FRS, surgeon. 63: Mr Ricardo Patrese, racing driver, 43; Mr Tristram Ricketts chief executive. British Horse-racing Board. 51; Mrs Dora Saint (Miss Read), writer, 84: Mr Christopher Sporborg, a deputy-chair-man. Hambros, 58; Sir Michael Vernon, chairman, RNLI, 71; the

Liesbeth Heenk, Christie's Rembrandt specialist, with the copperplate and a reflection of the painting it was behind

Rembrandt found on back of painting

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AN outstanding copperplate by Rembrandt has been found on the back of an oil painting by a minor hand more than four centuries after it left the Dutch master's studio.

Scholars long ago assumed that it had been lost, along with most of his copperplates. This is the first to have been discovered in centuries, of 300 etchings, only 81 plates have survived.

It is also one of Rembrandt's most outstanding compositions, Abraham entertaining the Angels: impressions exist in the world's most important public collections, including the British Museum.

Such finds are the stuff of auctioneers' dreams, Liesbeth Heenk, Christie's Rem-

it was by the master but found herself finding every excuse for it not being a

The copperplate turned up when a Christie's specialist removed the frame of a painting by a contemporary Flemish artist Pieter Gysels who had painted his riverscene on to the back of the copper shortly before his death in the early

The painting had been bought in an antiques shop in Yorkshire in 1946: the owner had long enjoyed it as a Gysels. Without a Rembrandt, it would have sold for around £2.000. Instead, it is estimated to fetch some £45,000 on June 26.

Speculating on why Gysels would have painted on to a Rembrandt, Ms Heenk said: "It was really common for 17th-

brandt print specialist, said: "I couldn't century Dutch and Flemish artists to believe my eyes." She knew instantly that paint on a small surface. For that paint on a small surface. For that purpose, they used a copperplate. I can't imagine that Pieter Gysels didn't recognise a Rembrandt, who was the best-sold etcher of 17th-century Holland. It is also signed Rembrandt. He may have found it cheaply as in 1666 he went bankrupt. He must have been in need of money. Perhaps he pawned it." After 1642, Rembrandt's business declined and he was declared bankrupt in 1656, the year the copperplate was cut.

She said that although the painting was cleaned in the 1960s, no one noticed anything unusual. "I should have thought that people would recognise it. But they didn't." She added: "I sent to the Riiksmuseum in Amsterdam. They said it is an amazing discovery. People in museums are excited."

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists

A ceremony for the admission of new fellows and members of The Royal College of Ophthalmologists was held at The Royal College of Physicians of London on Wednesday, April 16, 1997. Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, President of The Royal College of Physicians of London, was admitted as an honorary fellow.

Receptions Hertford College,

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Chancellor of Oxford University and Visitor of Hertford College, was the guest of honour at a reception held last night at Drapers' Hall to launch Hertford Col-

lege's Campaign 2000. Sir Nicholas Henderson, president of the campaign, Sir Walter Bodmer, FRS, principal of the college, and college fellows were

Mr Simon Clark, editor of the Mensa Magazine, presided at a reception given by Mensa in honour of Leslie Charteris and a screening of the film The Saint at the Warner West End cinema vesterday.

Memorial service

Group Captain Hamish Mahaddie

Olivia Hughes (secretary) with Mr John Rollins (treasurent: Mr Douglas Badeliffe (Bomber Command Association) and Mrs Vivienne Hammer with other members of the association: Mr T W Reynolds (7 Squadron). Mr William Arthur (17 Squadron) and Mrs Arthur, Mr George Hart (83 Squadron Ground Crew Association), Mr Reg Davey (139 and 627 Squadrons) and Mrs Davey, Mr Derek Dawe (635 Squadron). Mr Danny Boon (secretary, Air Crew Association) and Mrs Boon with Mr Frederick McMullan and other members of the association: Colonel Donald Walbrecht (USAF), Fight Lieutenam Deryck Giblin (RAAF) and Mrs Giblin, Mr Mervyn Cave (Somerset Aviation Enthusiasts) and Mrs Cave, Flight Lieutenam David Logan (17th Entry RAF Halton Apprentice School) and many other friends and colleagues. A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Group Captain Hamish Mahaddie was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev Peter Bishop, Resident Chaplain, officiated and Air Vice-Marshal C.G. Terry, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Logistics Command read the lesson. Mr Andrew Mahaddie, son, read from the works of William Penn and Mr Charles Mahaddie, son, read from the Funeral Oration of Pericles 429

BC. Flight Lieutenant Alan Bramson gave an address. Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Chief of the Air Staff, attended. Among others present

Mrs Andrew Mahaddle and Mrs Charles Mahaddle (daughters-in-Charles Mahaddie (daughters-driaw), Mrs Jane Reveel (suepdaughter), Miss Jane Langley and Mrs Alyson Waterbouse (step-granddaughter).
Lady Hanham, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roper Palin, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Air Marshal Sir Timothy Garden, Air Marshal Peter Norriss, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs B J Brownlow, Air Vice-Marshal Philip Hedgeland, Air Vice-Marshal Philip Hedgeland, Air Commodore R J Spiers, Group Captain D E Lardin (Halton Aircait Apprentices Association), Group Captain John Cunningham, Wing Commander and Mrs W C Bennett, Mr Christopher Butler, Mrs Susan Bennett, Mr Scooper, Mrs C G Terry, Mr J B Hughes (president, Pathfinders Association) and Mrs

Dinners

The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampthire was entertained by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant and the Deput Lieutenants at dinner last night at the Guildhall, Winchester.

Medical Royal Colleges, the Gen-eral Medical Council, the Surgeon General, Ministry of Defence and Sir John Chalstrey

College of Arms David Hubert Boothby Chesshyre the retirement of John Philip Brooke Brooke-Little.
Thomas Woodcock, Somerset

Herald, to succeed Mr Chesshyre Record Office. as Norroy and Ulster King The London Goodennuch Trust

Luncheon Mid Atlantic Club

Sir David Hannay was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Club held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Sir Peter Marshall presided.

British Medical Association Sir Donald Acheson, President of the British Medical Association, with chief officers of the association, gave a dinner last night at BMA House for Presidents of the

and Technology Lord Jenkin of Roding, a Vice-President of the Foundation for at a dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew after a visit to the Public

for Overseas Graduates Lady Fretwell, Vice-Chairman of the Trust, and Major General T.P. Toyne Sewell, Director, received the guests at the annual Medical Faculty Dinner held last night at Mecklenburgh Square.

The guest speaker was Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Clifton of Rathmore and Miss P.M. Beard The engagement is announced between Ivo, son of the Earl and Countess of Darnley, of Netherwood, Worcestershire, and Peta, daughter of Mr Robert Beard, of Scobbiscombe, South Devon, and Mrs Penny Fletcher, of Axminster, Devon.

and Miss J. Bowater The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Hazel Browne, of Paignton. Devon, and Jackie, eldest daughter of Sir Euan and Lady Bowater. of Chagford, Devon. Mr N.J.R. Ashby

and Miss B.P. Waymouth The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of between Nicholas, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Ashby, MBE, and Mrs Ashby, of Hazby, and Brieta, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Com-mander and Mrs David Waymouth, of Downton.

Mr R.D.J. Brinkman
and Miss J.L. Rushton
The engagement is announced
between Richard, younger son of
the late Wing Commander D.J.
Brinkman and of Mrs S.
Rinkman of Hamiliation Hamilia Brinkman, of Hannington, Hamp-shire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Rushton, of

Chiswick, London. Mr S.M. Flanagan and Miss H.A. Hobbs

The engagement is announced between Shaun, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Flanagan, of Pimperne, Dorset, and Harriet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hobbs, of Melbury Osmond, Dorset Captain J.M. Hill

and Miss C.A.G. Rankin The engagement is announced between Captain Malcolm Hill. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regi-ment), son of Mrs Isla Hill and the late Mr John R. Hill, of Oban, Argyll, and Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert C.M. Rankin, of Dunbarney, Perthshire. Mr B.G.C. Mandry

and Miss A.K. Partridge The engagement is announced between Benedict, only son of Professor and Mrs Gordon Mandry, of Alderley Edge. Cheshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Partridge, of Tring, Hertfordshire. Mr O.C.F. Morley

and Miss S. Dandridge The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Morley, of Priston, Bath, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dandridge, of Milton Common, Oxfordshire.

Mr E.B. Houston and Miss K.J. Deu The engagement is announced between Erik Ballantyne, only son of the late Professor W.J.B. Houston and of Mrs Turid Houston, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Kirsten Julie, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs David Dent, of Forncett End,

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Mr J. Livingston Booth and Miss S. Peacock

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Mr and Mrs Tim Livingston Booth, of Orwell, Cambridgeshire, and Susannah, second daughter of Mr Christopher Peacock, of Westcott, Surrey, and Mrs Tessa Webster, of Herstmonteux, East Sussex. Mr P.G. MacMaster

and Miss LA. Johnston The engagement is announced between Patrick George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm of Mr and Mrs Macolin MacMaster. of Trimpley, Worcestershire, and Lucy Ann, younger daughter of Mr Harry Johnston, of Invereil House, Dirleton, East Lothian, and Mrs Fiona Hardie, of Newfarm, Errol, Perchshire.

Mr R.E. Querelle and Miss K.J. Wild

The engagement is announced between Richard Edmund, second son of Mr and Mrs Q.C.W.
Querelle of Norley, Cheshire, and
Katharine Jane, daughter of Dr
and Mrs J.D. Wild, of Waverton,

Marriages

Mr E.J.M. Buckley and Miss T.T.D.G. Medicott The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 12, at St James's Church, Dorney, of Mr Edward Buckley, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Buckley, of Newnham, Hampshire, to Miss Tania Medlicott, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Medicort of Brunei Darussalam. Canon Roger Royle officiated, assisted by Father Sean Healey.

marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy and Alicia Medlicott, Tamara Lewis. Eleanor, Edward and George Hyde, Max and Freddie Florin. Jack Severn and Miss Sophie Wheeler. Mr Edward Bullen and Mr Peter Baily were best men.
A reception was held at Dorney

Court and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr T.P.W. Heneage and Miss C.M. Vogel

The marriage took place quietly in New York, on April II, 1997. between Mr Thomas Heneage and Miss Carol Vogel.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Ford, dramatist, Ilsington, Devon, baptised this day, 1586; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, excavated Ur of the Chaldres London 1890: Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the USSR 1958-64, Kalinovka, 1894: Thornton Wilder, novelist and dramatist, Madison, Wisconsin, 1897; Billy Fury, singer, Liverpool, 1941.

DEATHS: Mme de Sévigné, Benjamin Franklin, statesman and scientist, Philadelphia, 1790; Eddie Cochran, singer, Chippenham, Wiltehire 1960 More than 100,000 people drowned in Dort, Holland, when

the sea broke through the dykes, Martin Luther was excommunicated by the Diet of Worms, 1521. Premium bonds were introduced

in Britain, 1956. An attempted invasion of Cuba was made at "The Bay of Pigs", 1961.

TICKETS FOR SALE

0171 488 4414 (City

FOR SALE

Private view

Vikram Jadeja Charitable Trust The trustees of the Vikram Jadeja Charitable Trust held a private view of the King of the World, the "Padshahnama", an Imperial Mughal Manuscript, at The Oueen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, last night.

Shipwrights

The following have been installed officers of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year:
Prime Warden, Mr James Freeland:
Partin Warden, Mr James Freeland: Renter Warden, the Earl of Incheape,
Third Warden, Mr Peter Tudball;
Fourth Warden, Dr John Parker,
Fifth Warden, Vice-Admiral Str

Appointment

BMDS: 0171 680 6880

PERSONAL COLUMN

PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 You are not to act as we act here today, everyone doing as he plasses, for till now you have not reached the resting place. Deuteronomy 12:8

BIRTHS

RETT - On April 12th, to Sophic (nee Macpherson) and Heary, a daughter, Exchange Mary, a sister (or DECK - On 7th April 1997, to Victoria (née Knight) and Stephen, a son, Joshua Charles Edward

Uppmiess - On 9th April in New York, to Alicia and Christopher, 3 son, James, a brother for Tatiana. JACKSON - On April 14th 1997, to Cana (née Belea) and Stephen, a daughter, Mara Maria.

LAMPIER - On 5th April 1997, to Emms (nee Turner) and Peter, a daughter, Sophie Alice. MacLEAN - On 8th April 1997, to jamie and Sue, a daughter. Mollie, a stater for Kirsty, Finlay and Callum.

Producick Hugo Heathcore.
THINE - On 13th April, to
Alexandra and Justin, a
daughter, Lella.
WADSWORTH - To Bachel
(née Cock) and Giles, a
daughter, Sophie Rebects, a daughter, Sophie Rebects, a daughter, Sophie Rebects, a sister for Emily. WOBDSWORTH - On 15th April 1997 at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Elegnor and Mark, a son, Edward Ian Curwen, a brother for Alice

DEATHS

(0171) 229-3810.
ASHISM - Sri Madhavi (née Alexander Phipps) died from cancer on 13th April at Mirole, Almont, India.
BAZLEY - Six Thomas Sexiford, Bt., late of Hatherop, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday 14th April, aged 89 years, No Howers please, by his request. Donations in lieu to The Woodland Trust or charities for the homeless. Private funeral. Memorial service to be announced.

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BRIGGS - Frances Rhoda
peacefully in hospital on
April 15th aged 92. Dear
sister, aunt and great-sunt.
Funeral Service at St
Nicholas Briterice at St
Briterice at St
Service And St
Service Arion, died
peacefully at home in
Sandersteed on April 15th
She will be missed
enomousty, but her joyful
spikt is with us forever.

CARRY - On April 11th,

Alsy and
Alsy in Malta GC, to Banand Nigel, a first daughter,
Emily Eleanor.

PATERSON - On Sth April, to
Melanie (Farquharson) and
David, a daughter, Lindsay
Anne, a sister to Angus.

RAMBER - On April 10th 1997
at Homerton Hospital,
Hackney, to Nicola (hes
Howells) and Rob, a son,
Harry Andersen.

PERED - On April 12th at The
Portland Hospital, to Thery
and David, a daughter, Sisma
Rose, a sister for Hadley.

RESON - April 12th at The
Portland Hospital, to Thery
and David, a daughter, Sisma
Rose, a sister for Hadley.

Reservant of Christophar of Christo

(01994) 672668.
CARTON-KELLY - Lambert suddenly at St Petar's Hospital on 12th April 1997 april 74. Believed failure of Geotfrey and Jill. Much loved brother of Peter and Angala and dear friend of Pethela. Funeral at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd April and afterwards at St George's Hill Golf Club. Family flowers only. Donations to Editish Heart Foundation co. Lodge Brothers, 36-38 High Street, Weybridge.

ARDRUPS - Rasi died 11th
April 1997 aged 74
peacafully. Pre-decoased by
her husband Janis and son
Marts. Survived by her son
Adris Lielmanis, daughterin-law Susan and
grandchildren Andro, Akselts
and Xersta Funeral Service
18th April 1997 345 pm
West London Crematorium,
Harrow Road, W10.
Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon
(0171) 229-3810.

ASHUSH - Sri Madhavi (née

announced later.

DRCK - On Wednesday April 16th 1997 peacefully at home following a long illness, Pamela Medge Dick (ore Salmon). Beloved by her family and many friends. Service at 12 noon on Saturday April 19th at Bandalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead and attawards for refreshments at La Capanna, 48 High Street, Cobham No flowers please. Donations if you wish to Cobham Mill Preservation Trust, 5 Woodend Park. Trust, 5 Woodend Park, Cobbam, Surrey K711 3EL

Cobham, Surrey KT11 3EL.

EDGEDALE - Gina (nós MurraySmith) died pescefully at
house Tuesday 15th April
after a courageous fight.
Funeral Service to be baid at
St Michael's, Addoourse, at
2pm on Friday 25th April
Family flowers only but
fongations if desired to
imperial Cancer Essauch
Fund of M. Frankin & Sons.
Enmsbury, Wiltshire SNS
2PG, 18t (01672) 520241. 2PG, 1sl: (01672) 520241.
EGAN - Sr. Faula of The
Convent of Jesus and Mary.
Willesden Green and lately
of the Convent at
Felinstone, on Sunday 13th
April 1997, pescetully, after
a long fifness borne with
counse; despiy mourned by
her community, her many
friends and colleagues.
Reception at the Convent
Chapel on Thursday 17th
April at 4.30 pm and
Esquien Mars on Friday
18th April at 2 pm followed
by burial in Felinstowe
Cametery. "Precious for the
vect of the Lord at the death
of His fathful".
GORDON: lan Strathans.

of His faithful."

GORDOM - Ian Strathearn, aged 58. Unexpectedly but pescefully at home on 15th April. Adored and adoring husband of Christine, much leved father of Serven and Alexander. Service at Christinester Farish Church of 51 John the Baptist at 11,30sm. Theraday 22nd April. Family Dowen only. Denntions, if desired, to the Cancar Vescine Campaign. c/o St George's Hospital. Cranhas Tetracs. London SW17 ORE, Charity No. 241527.

HARDENG-DAVIES - The Lady Earding-Davies Georgie April 14th peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Beloved and devoted wife of (The Rt. Bon. John ER. Davies deceased), mother of Francis, Eozale - Charlet and Lynda and grandmother of Sachs, Nikolai, Natacha, Meghan, Emily and Knta. Funeral Service at St John Baptist Sutton West Sussex 12 noon Wednesday April 23rd. No flowers please. A collection will be taken in aid of King Edward VII Hospital and the Macmillan Service or donations through the funeral directors.

HARRISON - Douglas C.
Emeritus Professor of
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HARRISCH - (Née Bayntun) Muriel, beloved wife of Jiss and mother of Fenn, quietly at home in Springwood, New South Wales, on April 18th after a long filnes. Will be greatly missed by the family.

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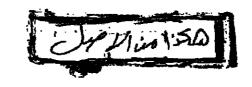
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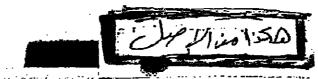
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OBITUARIES

SIR HARRY NICHOLAS

Sir Harry Nicholas, **OBE**, General Secretary of the Labour Party, 1968. 72, died on April 15 aged 92. He was born on March 13, 1905.

arry Nicholas was one of the "nearly men" of British public life. Modest, able and honourable, he never became the dominant figure that at one time seemed likely. In the Transport and General Workers' Union, where most of his career was spent, it was his fate to be the loyal lieutenant to successive leaders of the union. And in the world of politics his selection to be General Secretary of the Labour Party in July 1968 was owed as much to the National Executive Committee's desire to keep Harold Wilson's nominee out of the job as to any of Nicholas's own undoubted merits. Herbert Richard Nicholas

"Harry" was merely a Christian name that he appropriated - was born in Bristol. where his father was a docker. In union terms he thus was the product of the same city as the founding father of the T&GWU, Ernest Bevin.

The decisive point in Nicholas's own career came when Arthur ("Jock") Tiffin succeeded to the general secretaryship of the T&GWU after the death of Bevin's successor, Arthur Deakin, in May 1955. The two strongest candidates for the post of assistant secretary with the probability of succession to the top job — were Frank Cousins and Harry Nicholas, who knew each other well - they had shared a house in the war - but were

scarcely friends. The union executive decided in favour of Cousins by a single vote. But the story from Nicholas's point of view was even more savagely ironic than that. If only he had not fallen into arrears with the "subs" on his union card, it would have been he, and not

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Tiffin, who got the assistant secretary's job back in 1948. This would virtually have ensured him the reversion when the time came for Deakin to step down (in fact he died just before he was due to retire). Nicholas - although he was too nice a man to make this obvious - was therefore entitled to feel that he had been 'robbed" twice. He did not have to suffer

frustration for very long under Tiffin, as the man who had snatched the assistant secretaryship from under his nose unexpectedly died within seven months of taking over from Deakin in 1955. But Cousins's reign proved to be a long, if period of 20 months when he served in Harold Wilson's Cabinet and Nicholas became acting General Secretary of the union. But that did not provoke the problems that it might have been expected to since Nicholas had long since knuckled under and pursued the left-wing policies of Frank Cousins with just the same zeal that he had previously displayed in championing the right-wing ones of Arthur Deakin. It was around this time — fairly or unfairly that he acquired his reputation for being a time-server. Eventually, however, the sense that he was not a figure

to cause any unnecessary difficulty rode to his rescue. When Harold Wilson's opponents including his former deputy leader, George Brown - were casting around for a contender to thwart the Prime Minister's plot to unload the ineffective Minister of Housing, Anthony Greenwood, onto party headquarters, Nicholas suddenly seemed the ideal candidate. Personally popular - he had served on the National Executive representing the T&GWU for eight years and had even been party treasurer before James Callaghan — he had few, if any, enemies and most people felt sympathy for him at being relegated back to the



number two position within his union.

Wilson walked straight into the ambush that had been laid for him and was forced to sit furning as Nicholas's selection sailed through, while his own candidate (whom he was eventually forced to nominate to the Commonwealth Development Corporation) bit the

Transport House — or that portion of it which the Labour Party occupied as the tenant of the T&GWU - was rather an old-fashioned institution in those days and Nicholas, with his invariably highly polished shoes and general air of being the best sort of RSM, fitted into it easily enough. The circumstances of his arrival probably, though, made it imposible for him to have any very close working relation-ship with No 10 and when the time came for preparing for the 1970 general election he tended to get cut out of the

That may have been no bad thing, at least for the sake of his own reputation. The campaign, with its strong monarchical motif, proved to be a disaster and Wilson thereafter was always uncomfortable when in the company of those who had been most closely

associated with it. So far as. Nicholas was concerned, that did not apply and in his case the proprieties were certainly observed. Having been appointed OBE for his union work as long ago as 1949, he was knighted in Wilson's Dissolution Honours of August

He remained in office at Labour Party headquarters until 1972, when he was 67. History then repeated itself and another NEC rebellion overturned his own anointed choice as as his successor, his deputy Gwyn Morgan — the job going instead (by Tony Benn's casting vote) to the

assistant national agent. Ron Hayward.

As General Secretary, Nicholas proved to be a thoroughly conventional servant of the party, seeing as his main responsibility the role of custodian of conference decisions. At the time of the 1969 controversy over In Place of Strife which he regarded as having been "bounced" onto the party by the Prime Minister and his Employment Secretary, Barbara Castle - he emerged as a powerful opponent of the proposals, even defending James Callaghan's right to cast an NEC vote against them, despite the anomaly of his position as a Cabinet Minister.

Nicholas's own dignified demeanour served him well at the annual party conference. He was a good speaker, meticulous in his choice of words and with an authoritative manner. Few would have guessed that he had had no more than an elementary school education, though he later topped this up with evening classes and correspondence courses. Leaving school at 14, he joined the Port of Bristol Authority as clerk in 1919 and his first union work was the organisation of its clerical and administrative

In 1930 he got his first fulltime union post as district organiser in Gloucester, moving to Transport House in Smith Square (where, in two separate incarnations, he was to spend the next 32 years of his life) in 1940. At various times he served as a member of the governing council of Ruskin College, Oxford, of the Workers' Education Association Central Council and on the British Transport Advisory Commission on Work Study. In his youth he had been an enthusiastic rugby player, a game that he continued to watch until well into old

In 1932 he married Rosina (Rose) Grace Brown. They had no children

PUPUL JAYAKAR

Pupul Jayakar, patron of Indian arts and handicrafts, died on March 29 aged 81. She was born in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, on September 11, 1915.

THE title "Tsarina of Indian culture" was bestowed on Pupul Jayakar mostly in awe and admiration, but occasionally with more than a tinge of malice and envy. And yet there was no denying the role she played in the revival of Indian village crafts, the marketing of Indian handicrafts abroad, and the re-establishment of the near-forgotten splendour of hand-woven textiles.

Pupul Jayakar was born V. N. Mehta, a distinguished Gujarati Brahmin member of the then "steel frame" of India, the Indian Civil Service, Her father served in the United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh) and it was in 1930 in Allahabad, then the intellectual centre of UP, that she began her providential relationship with the Nehru family. She met Jawaharlal Nehru's daughter, Indira, and forged a friendship that lasted till the latter's assassination in 1984.

Following in her father's footsteps, she studied at Bedford College and the London School of Economics. On her return to India. with Nehru drafting her into the national effort, she had numerous occasions to meet and interact with Mahatma Gandhi as well. Her travels in UP in the course of her father's official tours took her to villages in the vast and historic Gangetic plains and the Himalayan reaches in the north. Undoubtedly this lit a spark of empathy in her for the craft traditions of the land. In later years, this was to combine with her native Gujarati business sense to ensure a world market for the artisan products of rural India.

In 1952 she became a member of the All India Handicrafts and Handloom Board. As chairman of the Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation, a government enterprise, she saw the enormous appeal of Indian handmade textiles and products in The New York World Fair in 1964. She decided immediately to open retail operations in Nairobi and other cities. If the advent of the English

had once made Manchester and Lancashire household names in India, it was her imagination, vision, commitment and commercial acumen that projected place names like Varanasi. Kanchipuram, Chanderi and Kutch-Bhui onto the consciousness of stores like Bloomingdales and Neiman Marcus, Harrods and Galerie Lafayette. She captialised on her friendship with the likes of Pierre Cardin,

Hannah Mori and Zandra

Rhodes to evolve fashion products using basic traditions of Indian craftsmanship.

Married to a barrister. M. M. Jayakar, Pupul lived mostly in and between Mumbai and Delhi. Her inventory of friends was legendary: Charles Earnes, Alexander Girard, Jack Larsen, Isey Miyaka, Kathleen Raine, Peter Brooks and Isamu Noguchi. They helped her to explore ideas, designs, concepts and projects.

The most glorious - and controversial - years of her life were in the 1980s, when she was appointed by the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to head the Festival of India committee. Under her direction a hugely expensive cultural road show was taken from London to Washington, Paris and Tokyo. Besides the significant (but all too ephemerall exposure that india gained from these festivals, Jayakar claimed that they led to a huge increase in the export of traditional handicrafts — but this was never substantiated by the facts.

But what brought her into needless controversy was her decision to send out for display at these festivals priceless antiques like the Didarganj Yakshi, a five-foot tall stone figure. The director of the National Museum took public issue with her on this, but she brushed aside the criticism with an imperious wave of her aπm.

Another interesting facet of Jayakar's life was her intense association with the philosopher Jiddu Krishnamurihy from 1948 until his death in 1984. Krishnamurthy had been hailed early on in the century as an incarnation of Krishna, a status that he renounced soon enough. Jayakar wrote a meticulously researched biography of the philosopher. Another biography, of Indira Gandhi, was equally authoritative though not sufficiently critical.

But although a confidante of prime ministers and a friend of the rich, the famous and the creative, Pupul Jayakar's heart lay in the hamlets and villages of India. In her magnum opus, The Earthen Drum she wrote: "The danger to rural India lies in its accepting technological culture and of consumer oriented societies and so losing communion with nature and its inexhaustible resources of energy.

The historian D. D. Kosmabi once said that "history is to be seen displayed in full detail in the villages of India provided one has the vision and insight to read that history". Assuredly Jayakar had that vision. To millions of weavers and artisans in India, she was a source of hone.

She is survived by her daughter.



GILES HARWOOD announce new legislation, so

Giles Harwood, a former Judge of the Supreme Court of Gibraltar, died of cancer on March 28 aged 63. He was born on

GILES HARWOOD made his name as a skilled legal and parliamentary draftsman who helped write and revise the laws of a number of newly independent Commonwealth countries. Kenya, St Vincent, Malawi and Grenada were among those which benefited from his meticulous approach to every detail.

As Law Revision Commissioner for Grenada in the early 1990s he found himself having to watch the evening television news on which ministers were sometimes apt to

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that he could prepare this for the statute books. He formally presented his handiwork in the form of several weighty to the Caribbean is land's Government three years ago.

Perhaps he learnt his perfectionism from his father. Born Giles Francis Harwood, near Eton, he was the son of Basil Antony Harwood, QC. Senior Master and Oueen's Remembrancer of the Supreme Court. As a young barrister he inherited from his father the job of editing several editions of Odgers' Principles of Pleading and Practice - a practical guide for junior counsel like himself.

His grandfather was the equally distinguished Basil

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Harwood, organist at Ely and Christ Church cathedrals successively and a prolific composer of organ music. The many well-known hymn tunes for Let All the World in Every Corner Sing and Thy Hand, O God, has Guided

Although the Harwoods, who once owned a large estate on the outskirts of Bristol. were traditionally Anglican, Giles was brought up a Roman Catholic by his mother, who had adopted the faith after going to a convent school in France. He himself was accordingly educated at Douai, the Benedictine school near Reading, from where he won a place to Christ Church to read law. He also fenced for the college.

Commissioned in the Royal Artillery during National Service, he was unusually offered a choice of postings - to Rhyl in North Wales or to Manorbier. He opted for the latter in the belief that it sounded like India, and was nonplussed when he was issued with a railway warrant for Pembrokeshire. He joined the Honourable Artillery Company on being demobilised and remained on the

active list until 1966. After being called to the Bar by the Inner Temple, Harwood practised in London and on the Western Circuit from 1959 until 1970. But then the costs of educating his five children prompted a move to Nairobi where he started in the Attorney-General's chambers and rose to become First Parliamentary Counsel. From 1976 to 1978 he was

legal adviser and draftsman in St Vincent in the Caribbean and was chief parliamentary draftsman in Malawi, 1978-83. From there he moved to Tonga in 1983 as chief justice for two vears.

He spent the next seven years in this country, working both as a part-time chairman of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, and as chairman of nal, while also carrying out his revision work for Grenada.

After serving briefly as acting chief justice for the Turks and Caicos Islands he was appointed in 1993 additional judge for the Supreme Court of Gibraltar - in effect the deputy to the colony's chief justice. The appointment, which was originally a parttime job, reflected Gibraltar's development as an off-shore finance centre and the growth of organised crime. He would have been expect-

ed to succeed to the post of chief justice himself after two years or so, but failing health prompted him to return to Britain two years ago. Here he resumed his chairmanship of the Registered Homes Tribunal and also carried out his last assignment as a draftsman, framing laws to deal with off-shore oil exploration for the Cook Islands. Harwood was in some ways

a man of contrasts. He was known on the bench as a strict disciplinarian whose respect for the letter of the law sometimes veered on the pernickety. Off duty however he enjoyed good food, fine wines and the company of friends. He was not only a polished after-dinner speaker, known for his dry wit, but was an accomplished jazz pianist with a fair interpretation of Fats Waller.

Harwood was sustained throughout his long battle with cancer by an unwavering Catholic faith. He is survived by his second

wife Diana, whom he married in 1983, and by two daughters and three sons of his first marriage.

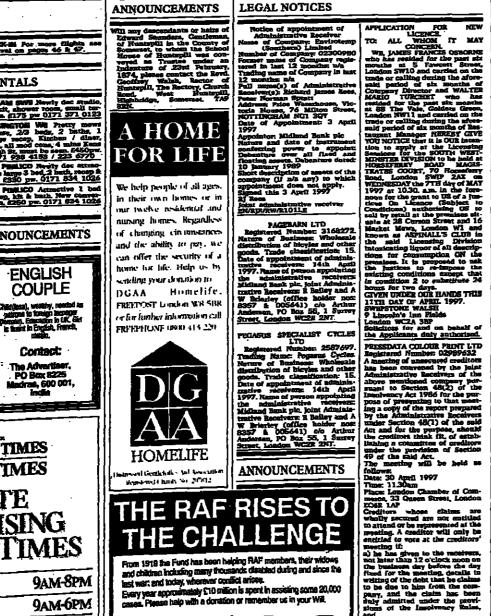


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"We had been for some days under great apprehension of the mob. This morning. about 9 o'clock, the people began to assemble in considerable numbers. They halted at our large gates, (at Edgeley), and remained there for nearly an hour, calling to us at intervals to open our windows, and throwing stones in order to compel us to comply with their wishes. Finding neither of any avail, they proceeded towards this town, their numbers increasing as they proceeded along. Instead of entering by the usual road, they visited several houses and factories, where they broke all before them. They then returned to Edgeley, in number about 3,000.

"On perceiving them from our cottage coming down the road, I assembled the children and nurse in the parlour, and fastened the windows and doors; the gardener presently rushed into the room, and conjured us to fly that moment, if we wished to save our lives. It was with difficulty I could speak; but each snatching up a child, we escaped at the

ON THIS DAY

April 17, 1812

The day's paper reported Luddite riots in Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds and Huddersfield. Troops were called out and there were many casualties, some fataL

great gate just in time to avoid the rabble. We proceeded to MRS. SYKES'S; but before we reached our destination we saw our contage enveloped in flames. Everything, I have since learnt, was consumed by the fire, and nothing left but the shell. The mob next proceeded to the factory, where they broke the windows. destroyed the looms, and cut all the work which was in progress; and having finished this mischief, they repeated the three cheers which they gave on seeing the flames first

burst from our dwelling. "Their cry was "now for SYKES"; but

before they could accomplish their wicked purpose on our friend, some military arrived. accompanied by MR. TURNER, whose exertions have been indefatigable. He had been much distressed on seeing our house in flames, and had seen nobody to inform him of our escape. The females of MR. SYKES'S family are gone to Manchester for security, whilst we have taken refuge here. The postchaise in which we came was escorted by four of the Scotch Greys.

"The rioters were headed by two men. dressed in women's clothes, who were called General Luda's wives. We are again left without apparel but such as the kindness of our friends supplies. Mr. SYKES has been trying to get more soldiers at Edgeley, for the rioters appear worse than ever. MARSLAND and other families have taken shelter at Manchester, MR. GARSIDE, who endeayoured to protect our property, and even ventured to reproach the mob for their conduct, has been severely beaten and

"It is now nine o'clock at night, and I learn the mob are more outrageous than ever at Edgeley. Fresh soldiers have just been sent there. Another troop of horse are expected tonight."

Don't bind my hands, says Major

John Major tried a last-ditch gamble to turn the European issue to his advantage last night as he appealed over his party to the country to accept the sense of his negotiate-and-decide policy on the single currency.

As the Tory revolt against his approach gathered pace, he dropped plans to focus on unemployment and said: "Whether you agree with me or disagree, whether you like me or loathe me - don't bind my hands"...... Pages 1, 9-16, 14, 25, 42-45

Poll gives Tories no comfort

A clear majority supports John Major's "negotiate and decide" policy on a single currency, but a MORI poll for The Times shows Labour unchanged on 49 per cent and the Tories down two points at 32 per cent. The Lib Dems and Referendum Party are both up one at 13 per cent and 2 per cent...... Page 1

Loyalist manhunt

Police are hunting a four-man gang of loyalist terrorists who are being blamed for a wave of arson attacks that has destroyed Roman Catholic churches in Northern Ireland.

Women's role

Nicola Foulston, Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year. aroused controversy by suggesting that mothers should give up work to stay at home with their children

Pop star faces jail

Mark Morrison, the chart-topping soul singer, faces up to six months in prison after being found guilty of threatening a police officer with an electric stun _Page 3

Grenade hero

The wife of a former police superintendent who threw himself at an exploding grenade in Ethiopia said she thought he had given his life to save hers... Page 4

Beacon ban sought The busiest mountain rescue

team in the country wants the use of personal locator beacons by climbers and walkers in the Lake District outlawed Page 6

London for walkers

Sir Norman Foster proposes to pedestrianise parts of Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square. Whitehall would be restricted to buses and taxis Page 6

Designer butter

A new type of easily spreadable butter is poised to make the first commercial breakthrough for the developing science of "designer" dairy products based on the ma-

nipulation of cows' diets...Page 8 Alzheimer's risk

Smokers are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's disease as people who have never smoked. This contradicts earlier studies showning that smoking may protect against the illness......Page 8

St Helena plea

A former St Helena councillor has written to The Times begging the people of Britain to free the remote Atlantic island colony from political and economic ..Page 18 bondage...

Mandela in Zaire talks

Laurent Kabila, Zaire's rebel leader, flew to Cape Town for talks with President Mandela about face-to-face negotiations with President Mobutu .. Page 19

The Iranian sting Intelligence officers in Iranian

embassies are identifying targets for "sting" espionage operations against foreign businessmen visiting Tehran....

Looted art quarrei

A Russian minister held out hope of Boris Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl patching up the quarrel over returning art treasures looted during and after the War Page 21

L'amour in the old-fashioned way

French women are romantics - they want flowers, cosy meals for two and to be seduced in the traditional way. But French men like their partner to be ready for le plaisir at a moment's notice. A poll found that 45 per cent of women cannot stand men who "jump on them like a beast" but men no longer have the time or desire to be charming...



Models bringing to life the Forties Fashion and the New Look exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London yesterday

Fund managers: Morgan Grenfell was fined £2 million for "mismanagement" over an affair which may have left 90,000 investors out of Page 29

Crash fear: Reuters admitted that it is bound to suffer damage from the "millennium bomb" when computers may not recognise the date Page 29

Economy: The Government said it could balance the budget by the end of the decade after new figures showing public borrowing well be-..... Page 29 low forecasts

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 7.8 points to close at 4294.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 100.1 to 99.7 after a fall from \$1.6252 to \$1.6222 and from DM2.8183 to .. Page 32 DM2.8040 ..

Football: England and Germany are meeting Uefa to try to find a

way of resolving the problem of both nations seeking to stage the 2006 World Cup....Page 56 Rugby union: Martin Bayfield. who has not played for England

since February last year, was included in the party to tour Argentina next month... Cricket: Nottinghamshire have signed Mohammad Zahid, the

promising Pakistan fast bowler, as their overseas player for this summer. He is replacing Chris

Table tennis: England will play Singapore in the women's final of the Commonwealth championships in Glasgow after their sixth successive victory Page 51

Soft Woody: The best of the week's new films is Woody Allen's charming musical, Everyone Says I Love You, with support from Goldie

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Soldier, soldier: Benedict Nightingale reviews Daniel Hill's first play, a powerful portrait of soldiers in the Gulf War ..

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Caitlin Moran reviews the solo career of the ex-Take That star Robbie Williams (left)

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Cancer camble: An American report suggests that prophylactic mastectomy should be discussed with patients thought to be at risk of breast cancer Page 22 Mummy's gone: Jacquie Van den

Bogaerde walked out on her two small sons four years ago. Her husband, Rupert, has not seen her Boffins for Blair: No political party can hope to convince voters without famous-name endorsements, says

Michael Gove. But new Labour, recognising it is stylish to be in science, has published a list of 21 lab-coated supporters Page 23 BOOKS

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Both Major and Blair refuse to divulge their intentions on the single currency. Yet voters deserve more information

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Mr Clinton had hoped to avoid "lame-duck" status until after the 1998 mid-term elections. He is condemned to that already Page 25

Death in Mecca

Muslims have never expected the pilgrimage to be easy but in truth the haj disaster was difficult to

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In Britain, the Afro-Caribbean community has suffered in one important respect relative to the Asian communities. It does not have anything like as strong a commercial ... Page 24 culture ...

JOHN REDWOOD

The Tory party in the country has been united for many a long month: united in support of a common market but against a common government. We have long resisted too many new laws, higher costs and policies that work against Britain's interests...

PETER RIDDELL John Major is electable. The Tory

party is not. That is the inescapable conclusion from the current Tory shambles **JOHN BRYANT**

Tiger Woods has posed a difficult question for many a pushy parent: If you reckon your child might have what it takes to be a future sporting champion, how early should you start the preparation? Page 54

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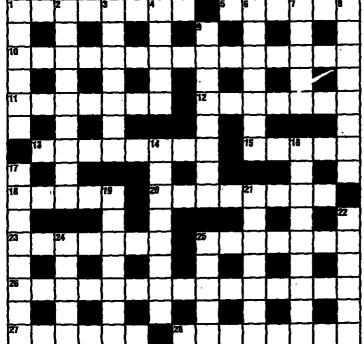
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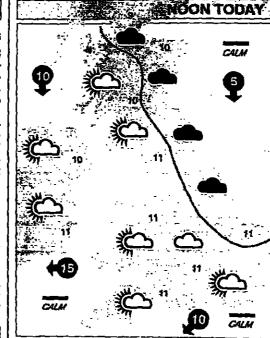
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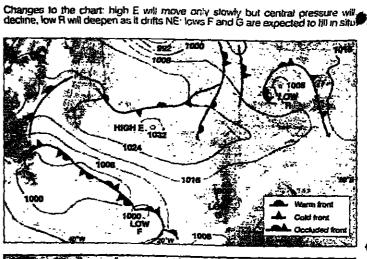
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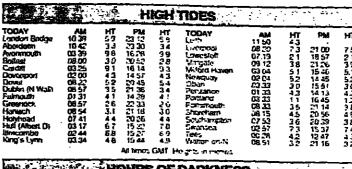
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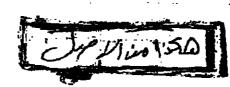




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US tobacco firms seek \$300bn anti-lawsuit settlement

By RICHARD THOMSON AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE US tobacco industry is working towards a historic settlement that would require it to pay up to \$300 billion into a special fund in return for immunity from antismoking law suits.

Hubert Herbert, Attorney-General of Minnesota, confirmed yesterday that senior tobacco executives

and anti-tobacco lawyers have been working towards the agreement that would require the industry to pay between \$250 billion and \$300 billion into a special fund over the next 25 years.

Some of the money would go towards paying the states' medical costs, with the remainder used to compensate individuals who have suffered from smoking-related diseases. In return, the tobacco companies would receive immunity from most law suits by an Act of Congress - an unprecedented procedure in the US.

The growing flood of damages claims is costing the industry about £600 million a year in legal fees. Last month Liggett Group, the smallest of the major tobacco companies, broke ranks to conclude its own agreement

The proposed settlement will cost

the industry around \$45 billion a year - nearly one quarter of the industry's annual revenues. The tobacco companies are expected to protect their profits by increasing cigarette prices

Norwood Wilner, the anti-tobacco lawyer who won a case against BAT Industries last year, welcomed the move. But Mr Wilner, who was in court yesterday fighting a new claim against RJ Reynolds, gave warning

that it would be impossible to conclude a deal behind closed doors. He also expressed concern that the compensation figures being talked about are far too small.

The tobacco companies, and their UK competitors such as Imperial, will be anxious that a US agreement does not increase the pressure for similar deals elsewhere in the world. The companies will also need

possibility of new entrants joining the US market without the handicap of contributing to the fund.

The City greeted the news with relief yesterday, marking up BAT shares by 28p, to 54lp, BAT also benefited from a strong performance by Philip Morris. announced a 13 per cent rise in firstquarter profits to \$1.8 billion

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Morgan Grenfell told to

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MORGAN GRENFELL has that the managers of the funds been ordered to pay a record fine and costs totalling £3 million after being found guilty by a City watchdog of a series of rule breaches.

imro, the regulator for fund managers, announced that Morgan Grenfell must pay a £2 million fine as well as costs of £1 million for the mismanagement of three European unit trusts looked after by ject of an investigation by the

Serious Fraud Office. Imro also confirmed that about 90,000 investors in the three funds were on course to receive compensation at the end of the month. This is expected to cost Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent, around £220 million. The compensation period will be from August I, 1995, to Sep-

tember 5, 1996. In a seven-page statement yesterday Imro set out a damning catalogue of rule breaches at Morgan Grenfell, dating back to September 1994. The watchdog said that not only had senior managers failed to detect and then halt Mr Young's rule breaches, but that they had also neglected to

inform Imro of their concerns. Imro said that at various times companies within the Morgan Grenfell group had failed to organise and control their affairs in a responsible manner. There had also been an inappropriate use of special purpose vehicles to circumvent the regulations.

This refers to the use of a series of Luxembourg-registered companies that appear to have been established by Mr Young to warehouse illiquid European investments held in the three funds.

City rules state that these should not total more than 10 per cent of the fund. In February 1996 Mr Young held per cent of unlisted

Imro also said that Morgan Grenfell "did not ensure

were adequately supervised. This was despite the fact that there was clear evidence that there was an "inappropriate use of investment companies to circumvent the regulations" and a "repeated" failure to provide evidence of due diligence by the fund managers.

The watchdog added that on four occasions Morgan Grenfell's unit trust arm issued materia) promot performance of Mr Young without properly satisfying itself that those materials were fair and not misleading".

Imro also found that it was not notified about problems relating to the management of the flagship European Growth fund in spite of concerns which were reported to "at least one member of the board of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management by no later than April 1996".

Imro discovered the problems at Morgan Grenfell itself when investigators from the watchdog raided the fund manager towards the end of August last year.

The watchdog said that as a result of the Peter Young affair five senior directors, including Keith Percy, Graham Kane, Michael Wheatley and Glyn Owen, had been dismissed, Imro said it "has yet to reach its conclusions about the individuals responsible for the management and supervision of the funds".

Robert Smith, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, said: "The fine reflects the size of the financial problem caused by the Peter Young affair and associated management fallings in our unit trust business. These failings have now been

Mike O'Brien, the Labour Shadow Treasury spokesman, said: "Imro has been tough and effective. I approve."

Decline and fall, page 33



Peter Job said computer problems with the year 2000 were a very serious issue

Fears rise of economic overheating in America

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE outlook for American interest rates reversed yesterday after an apparent manufacturing boom pushed factory operating levels, published by the Federal Reserve. to their highest point for two

This sign of near-overheating in the mighty American economy revived fears of an imminent rises in interest rates after inflation figures earlier in the week had soothed investors' nerves. However, market traders on Wall Street brushed aside interest-rate fears and the Dow Jones industrial average rose 53.88 points, to 6,642.14, in mid-afternoon trading.

broke ground on fewer new homes and apartments last month than in February but still finished the first quarter

with a higher total than in the final three months of last year. Analysts said a potential levelling off in the housing sector was not enough by itself to prevent the central bank from again raising interest rates as early as May 20.

Output by the nation's mines, factories and utilities climbed a stronger-than-expected 0.9 per cent last month. after a revised 0.6 per cent rise in February.

The capacity use figure, which measures how near to production limits businesses Separately, the Commerce are operating, jumped to 84.1 Department said builders per cent from a revised 83.6

per cent in February, the highest rate registered since 84.3 per cent in March 1995. One economist said: "We've

certainly moved into an inflationary danger zone," adding that an operating rate above 84 per cent signals rising potential for bottlenecks from higher prices for raw materials and bigger wage demands from employees.

Members of the Federal Reserve's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee decided on March 25 to boost shortterm interest rates a quarter percentage point, citing the risk that strong demand could stoke inflation. The FOMC next meets on May 20.

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Public borrowing beats budget target

By Alasdair Mürray

THE Government claimed yesterday that it would balance the budget by the end of the decade after new data showed the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for last year was well

below forecasts. The PSBR fell to £22.8 billion, below the Treasury's forecast of £26.4 billion and the £31.7 billion deficit recorded the previous year. The hetter than expected figures resulted from a surge in tax receipts, which were £2.5 billion higher than expected, and a £1.2 billion

fall in forecast public spending. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, seized on the figures to claim that the Government is on target to balance the budget by 2000. The Treasury has forecast the PSBR to fall to £19.2 billion this year, but the City believes a figure of closer to £15 billion is more likely. The next Chancellor will also benefit

from a £4 billion surplus in funds raised from gilt sales this year.

The PSBR figures and weaker than expected jobs data helped to ease fears that interest rates will need to be raised sharply next month. The pound slipped nearly two pienigs to close at DM2.8040, while sterling's tradeweighted index fell from 100.1 to 99.7.

However, economists said the PSBR was too high for this stage of the economic cycle and that a future government would find it difficult to balance the budget without raising taxes. The Institute of Fiscal Studies last week described the public spending plans to which both main parties are committed for the next two years as the tightest in more than three decades.

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, yesterday predicted the PSBR will be around El4 million by the year 2000, with an extra £10 billion in taxes needed to place finances on a firmer footing.

Unemployment lowest for more than six years

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

GOVERNMENT hopes that a fresh fall of 41,000 in claimant unemployment would boost their electoral chances were clouded yesterday by new rows over the jobless figures and a further jump in average earnings.

Seasonally-adjusted claimant count unemployment fell in March by 41.100 to 1,707,000, or 6.1 per cent of the workforce - the lowest level for sixand-a-half years. The 13th consecutive monthly fall takes the drop over the past 12 months to 479,700 and to 1.27 million since the last peak in December 1997

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said: "We have falling unemployment. We have rising employment. We have the best prospects for jobs for our young people of any country in Europe." But Labour, using an inter- down to 4.75 per cent from 5 per cent.

nal Department of Education and Employment document bidding for European funds, claimed the Government now admitted the claimant count measure was not fully adequate as a means of charting the number of jobless for European purposes.

New separate data from the Government's quarterly Labour Force Survey showed unemployment falling at close to half the rate suggested by the claimant figures. Statistics have been clouded by the introduction last year of the Jobseeker's Allowance to replace unemployment benefit.

At 275,100, unfilled vacancies at Jobcentres hit their highest level since records began.

City concerns about inflation were also dealt a blow when average earnings growth rose again in February, to 5 per cent. Earnings figures for January were unexpectedly revised

'Millennium bomb' threat alarms Reuter

By Eric Reguly

REUTERS admitted yesterday that even its newest and most sophisticated information products could be badly hit by the "millennium time bomb". The company also said new product launches could be delayed because of the difficulties in coping with the change of century.

Peter Job, chief executive, told the annual meeting in London that computer problems in recognising the year 2000 were "a very serious issue with wide ramifications".

Reuters is one of the first companies to admit the potential for damage that the millennium brings. Computer experts have said that a global computer meltdown is possible unless corporations ensure their computer software systems are ready for the date change. But companies have been slow to acknowledge the

scale of the potential disaster. Reuters is reviewing the 3000 Series of financial information products, successor to the widely used 2000 Series, to ensure they will be able to recognise

dates starting in 2000. The millennium warning came as Accountancy Age magazine reported that more than a third of the country's finance directors have not yet assessed whether their companies' computers will work after the clock strikes midnight on December 31, 1999. The estimated cost of solving the problem has been estimated at more than £30 billion in the UK and £400 billion globally.

Reuters has set up a committee, which includes four executive directors, to review the issue. A spokesman said: We want to make sure that our systems, both internally and externally, can operate

without disruption in 2000". The 3000 series is the main weapon against Bloomberg. Reuters' most aggressive com-

In a separate development, Reuters said the strength of sterling caused a 2 per cent fall in revenue, to £699 million, in the first quarter. Mr Job said profit growth would be either small or flat at the half-year period if the pound remains at its current levels. Underlying growth in the first quarter was up 8 per cent from the same

period a year ago. Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, said the strength of sterling will "have a marked effect on reported results" in the half year to the end of June.

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Pensions bill Life insurers face a bill of

up to £16 million to bail out pendent financial advisers who sold customers the wrong pensions and then went bust. The insurance industry is however, aggrieved by the Page 30

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SGB Group, the scaffolding business owned by John Mowlem, is set for a FIOO million flotation

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Securities duo makes £67m BI placing

By Paul Durman

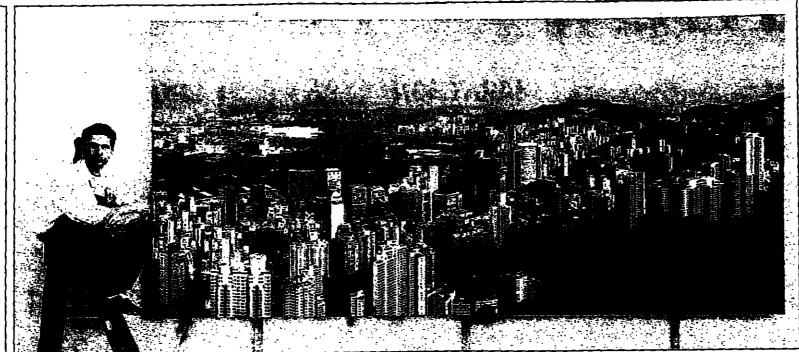
MERRILL LYNCH and Kleinwort Benson, the securities firms, yesterday carried out a £67.4 million placing of shares in Biocompatibles Interna-tional (BI), the high-flying

medical coatings company. Johnson & Johnson Development Corporation was among the early backers of Biocompatibles taking profits, reducing its stake from 6.4 to 4.3 per cent. In all, a little more than five million shares, represent ing 7.6 per cent of the company, were sold at £13.35, 25p below yester-day's closing price.

The venture capitalists were released from their two-year lock-in agreement earlier this week. Merrill Lynch and Kleinwort Benson originally sought buy-ers for a total of seven million shares but some investors eventually decid-

ed to hang on to part of their holdings. Although the sellers were not identified, they are likely to include Paine Webber Development Corporation and 3i.

Earlier, Biocompatibles announced that the Cordis arm of Johnson & Johnson wants to extend the two companies' research partnership. Cordis is considering exercising options over Biocompatibles' innovative PC coating and a version of the company's stent - the devices used to hold open blood vessels. Cordis dominates the stent market, and a deal would be a boost for Biocompatibles.



Artist Ben Johnson, after the unveiling of his work commissioned by Cable and Wireless to commemorate the hand over of Hong Kong

Insurance industry aggrieved by £16m bill to bail out IFAs

has helped customers of 299

failed firms, paying out £114

million in compensation to

more than 10,000 investors.

The scheme is to raise £33.1

million from regulatory bodies for the 1997 financial year.

They will pass on the cost to

The levy dwarfs the £14.4

million that was raised last

year because estimated costs

out of business.

LIFE insurers face a bill of up to £16 million to bail out independent financial advisers (IFAs) who sold customers the wrong pensions and then went bust.

The insurance industry is aggrieved by the demand, saying that it had nothing to do with negligent advice issued by independent advisers. It already faces the massive cost of reviewing personal pensions sold by its own sales staff and compensating

A spokesman for the Associ-

ation of British Insurers said it is unfair, adding: "We are having to pay our own costs plus the IFA defaults."

However, Garry Heath, chief executive of the IFA Association, said the sum was "peanuts" compared to the compensation insurers will have to pay out for their own mis-selling. Mr Heath said that it is the

only way the money could be raised and that the consumer will eventually meet the cost through higher prices. The bill forms part of a

larger levy announced yesterday by the Investors Compenfund for customers of invest-Investment Authority (PIA) will pay £32.9 million, which ment firms which have gone includes £23.3 million for expected IFA defaults in pen-Since it was set up in 1988, it

members.

sion-related cases. It is expected that life insurers who used IFAs to sell their products will pay about £20 million of the PIA total, with 1FAs themselves providing up to about £13 million. The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) will contribute E214.544 from its own

An Investors Compensation of defaults for the next 12 Scheme spokeswoman said months are being included for the distribution of the levy

may seem unfair, since the PIA had to take on the liabilities of Fimbra, the regulator formerly responsible for IFAs, when it was created.

She added that the estimated figures for compensation claims against defunct companies may have to be adjusted. Any overpayment by regulators will be carried over into next year's levy, reducing

It is understood that £10 million or more of the IFA pension-related defaults relate to one firm.

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MEPC to shed 70 staff

By Carl Mortished

MEPC, the property group that last month called off merger talks initiated by Hammerson, its rival, is shedding 70 staff after agreeing contracts to outsource facilities management from Nelson Bakewell and Jones Lang Wootton (JLW), the surveyors.

The move to contract out property management was d in February and con-

cerns 340 properties, including offices, shopping centres and industrial estates worth about \$1.3 billion in value, or half MEPC's UK portfolio. A dozen MEPC staff are

expected to be made redundant, with the balance being offered employment with Nelson Bakewell and JLW.

MEPC said that the move was part of a plan to focus internal resources on areas in which it could add value. The

company should save money by outsourcing property management, a business that has suffered cut-throat competition after a lengthy property

MEPC also expects to move from its plush headquarters in St James's Square by the end of the year and is currently seeking a tenant for the

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Mobile-phone curbs lifted

By Eric Reguly

OFTEL, the telecommunications regulator, moved the mobile-phone market another step closer to full deregulation by allowing One-2-One and Orange, the two smallest op-erators, to sell services direct to the customer. Cellnet and Vodafone, the largest players. are to be given the same freedom eventually. The mobile-phone

panies currently must supply their airtime wholesale to service providers, which in turn sell contracts to consumers. Oftel insisted on the use of 'middle men" to increase competition in the retail market.

Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications, said the restrictions can be lifted because the market, with more than seven million mobile-phone users, has become one of the world's most

competitive. The changes, he said, will give the mobilephone companies "greater flexibility to sell, distribute and market their products".

The introduction of "number portability", allowing customers to keep their numbers when they switch networks, is to be the next deregulatory move. Oftel is to publish a consultation document on mobile-phone number portability next month.

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Liffe revives Bobl in fight for trading

THE London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) is stepping up its campaign to become the European centre of derivatives trading with the launch of a futures and options market in medium-term German bonds (Bobl). Liffe is locked in competition with Matif, in Paris, and the Deutsche Terminborse, in Frankfurt, to win business before the launch of a single European currency in 1999. Liffe is especially keen to prove to the market that London can continue to dominate in European futures even if the UK

stays out of the single currency.

The European derivatives market is expected to contract after EMU, with the separate currency and bond futures of member countries being replaced by trade in the euro. Liffe said it was launching the Bobl futures and options in response to growing international demand. SBC Warburg said it would be a market-maker in Bobl contracts. Liffe tried to launch the Bobl in 1993, but ended trading because of insufficient interest.

Leeds media plans

LEEDS UNITED, the Premiership football club owned by Caspian, is taking legal advice on how it can transmit live matches on a pay-per-view or a pay-per-listen basis over the Internet. Chris Akers, chairman, said the group is looking at ways to use new media where the intellectual property rights have yet to be assigned. Caspian's first results since buying Leeds show a pre-tax profit of £705,000 for the year to December 31. Earnings were 0.31p a share and there is no dividend.

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BAe jobs boost

THE recruitment drive at British Aerospace factories in Chester was boosted yesterday when Airbus, the European consortium, received signed orders to supply Swissair with nine A330 planes and Sabena, the Belgian airline, with four. The order is worth \$1.5 billion in total. The wings for the aircraft, a new derivative of the standard A330, will be built in Chester. BAe is set to hire an extra 250 engineers and technicians by this autumn in the wake of rising civil aerospace demand.

Indian power deal

THE Energy Group, the Anglo-US power and mining business, is joining a £580 million power station and lignite mine development in India. The company, which owns Eastern, the UK generator and electricity distributor, will put £174 million into a venture with the Hindusthan Development Corporation for the projects in Rajasthan. Mining is expected to begin in 1999 while the power station is scheduled for commissioning in 2000. The deal is The Energy Group's first move into India, which has a fast-growing power industry.

Woolworths post

KINGFISHER, the retail group, has appointed Jim Glover as managing director of its Woolworths subsidiary. Mr Glover, 45, takes over in the autumn from Roger Jones, 59. Mr Jones will continue on the Kingfisher board and on the Woolworths board. Mr Glover, who becomes deputy managing director with immediate effect, has been with Kingfisher since 1990. He was formerly director of Kingfisher Asia, and last year returned to Woolworths as director of its city stores division.

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Colgate earnings rise

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE, the global consumer products company whose brands include Palmolive soap and Aiax detergent, reported an 18 per cent rise in first quarter earnings despite the dampening effect of a strong dollar on overseas sales. Earnings were \$169.6 million, or \$1.12 a share. against earnings of \$143.5 million, or 95 cents, in last year's first quarter. Sales edged up to \$2.14 billion from \$2.05 billion. In Europe, Colgate's sales were off 6 per cent.

Silvermines advances

SILVERMINES, the engineering and technology group, has reported an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.1 million, from £3.5 million. Turnover rose to £65 million (£54 million) and earnings were up 8 per cent to 4.52p (4.2p) a share. Performance was helped by the acquisition for £10.2 million in February of Continental Microwave, which has since secured £2 million worth of contracts. A final dividend of 0.95p (0.85p) will be paid on July 1, making a total of 1.3p (1.15p).

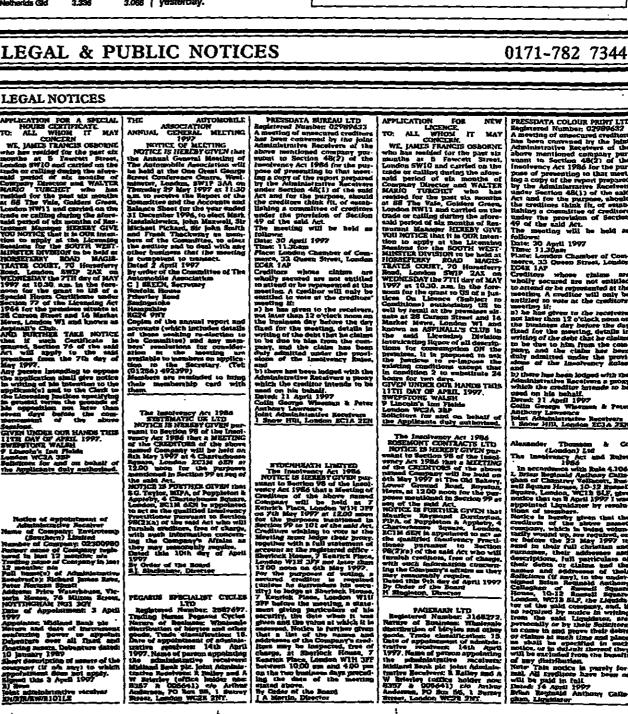
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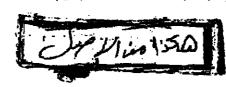
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☐ EDS taking control of government ☐ Insurers paying the price for compensation ☐ Bid pressure focuses minds at MEPC

☐ H ROSS PEROT'S attempt to gain control of the US Government foundered five years ago when the electorate decided that his homespun philosophies and constant carping about the budget defecit were not to their liking. But the company he founded, Electronic Data Systems, is having rather more success over here. Without ever fielding a candidate, the Texan technology group, now owned by General Motors, is rapidly winning a working majority of government contracts for

information provision.

The latest contract heading EDS's way is one for the Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency, worth £450 million over ten years. This body handles all the payroll, pension and employment details of the army, navy and air force, including the supposedly secret SAS and Special Boat Service. Labour says it will go ahead with this privatisation as it "may be too advanced to cancel". In reality, Labour is going to put more work EDS's way than the Tories ever did.
After all, should the next

; rise

Chancellor be Gordon Brown, he will find himself desperately in need of ways to save money. Stuck with two years of Tory spending predictions and a promise not to raise taxes, along with expensive commitments to education and health, he will

The £10 billion privatisation have to find the money from somewhere. The answer may be to farm out just about everything

that can be farmed out to the

According to AT Kearney, the management consultant, the Government can cut £10 billion a year from procurement, the dull business of ordering cars, computers and paperclips that tends to be a task shuffled off to company underachievers or simply carried out by the respective heads of departments.

This, says Kearney in a private

paper, means everything costs more than it should. Company cars are ordered by the personnel manager, in complete ignorance of the best terms
available. Regional managers
place contracts with their cronies
from the golf club — and so on.

Work done in the private
sector, among firms adopting a
more strategic approach supmore strategic approach, suggests savings of 10 to 15 per cent a year may then become available. Translate this to the public sector, where £100 billion a year is spent on goods and services and lo and behold you find that

EDS claims that when it is brought in to operate the IT for the Government, it can save up to half the costs. The first real test of this, the Inland Revenue's computer systems, had an in-auspicious start when a El billion contract was quickly upped in value to £1.6 billion. And then there are concerns about handing confidential information to the private sector, which EDS claims are irrelevant

as civil servants.

But, anyhow, when there are billions of savings to be made, what's a little bit of confidential information between friends.

because its staff are as well vetted

Cheap at the price

☐ INSURANCE companies must surely be feeling persecuted. Only last month they were warned by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, that they could not take part in the lucrative business opportunities flowing from the Tories proposed reforms of the state pension, unless they had settled their

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pension mis-selling liabilities with despatch.

To their discomfort, the insurers now belatedly realise they must do everything to expedite these payments, or miss out on the new business that will arise from the pension policies of both main parties. Prevarication is no longer acceptable.

Yesterday they learnt that the pensions compensation bill for small independent financial ad-visers who have shut up shop was twice as bad as they had expected, adding to the money that insurers will have to find. The Investors Compensation

Scheme is asking members of the Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog that stands guard

independent advisers to find £32 million, more than double the levy required in 1996. The bulk of this will go to pay the compensation owed by firms who were members of Fimbra, the PIA's predecessor organisation. These firms are now, in regulator parlance, "departed", in other

parlance, "departed", in other words, "out of business".

The insurance companies who will bear most of the burden feel hard done by. They are already paying for the misdemeanours of their over-zealous salesmen and must now pay for the errors of firms that claimed superiority in the financial services food chain.

However, the insurance com-

However, the insurance companies should take the long term view. However high the cost of compensation, it will be worth meeting so that they can salvage their damaged reputations. In many cases their names are rightly mud, so its about time they did the decent thing.
These organisations think

nothing of spending millions on on lavishly directed TV advertising campaigns to make their names (and sometimes the names of their chief executives) better known. Perhaps they

could persuade their accounts departments to treat the compensation bill as a not overly pricey marketing expense?

A high price and for what?

☐ SOMEWHERE in the West End something stirs. First, MEPC spends £80 million on three factory outlets from C&J Clark, then it farms out the surveying functions on its "noncore" property assets and gets rid of 31 head office staff. This looks like the action of a

management starting to be galvanised by the pressure put on it by a possible bid from Hammerson. It appears that the Co-operative Insurance Society (which knows a thing or two about sleepy organisations, being part of one) has decided that there needs to be change at the top of MEPC.

Eschewing the new trend for affirmative action, where institutions pressure the chief executive to go, the CIS appears to be trying to tempt Ron Spinney to

company twice its size. But this is a damn expensive way of getting rid of the MEPC management. Studies by the London Business School indicate that the only beneficiaries of hostile bids are those of the target's shareholders who sell out for cash.

Does MEPC need this sort of revolution? To be sure, James Tuckey is not considered the most dynamic of chief executives. and maybe the sleeping giant of the property sector could do with someone a little more exciting at the helm.

But for all the supposed dynamism delivered by Mr Spinney, and the excitable £800 million development programme Hammerson has embarked upon, there is no detectable difference between the relative performances of the two group's shares over the past two years.

Leeds aims for Net

☐ CHRIS AKERS, chairman of Caspian which owns Leeds United, yesterday praised the Premiership club's fans who, despite a difficult season, have continued their loyal support". He is also floating ideas about pay-per-view and pay-per-listen coverage of matches on the Internet. Given Leeds's propensity for nil-all draws, perhaps Caspian should think about pay-

Bates Worldwide buyout talks with Cordiant

THE management of Bates Worldwide, the second advertising agency owned by Cor-diant, is understood to be in talks about a partial buyout of the network, after proposals to sell Bates were rejected. Cordiant, which also owns Saatchi & Saatchi, said yester-

day that it was not the group's intention to sell either of its networks, having dicussed the matter at board meetings earlier this week.

This is in spite of an approach by True North, the US group that owns the FCB network and which is also keen on buying Bozell, an-

dispose of a major network."

Leading members of the Bates network have been in London this week to discuss proposals about the future. The latest proposal is for a partial buyout of the agency, giving the managers of Bates, led by Mike Bungey, a Cor-diant board member, up to 40 per cent of the network.

£10 billion figure.

The stake would be sold at a slight discount to what is considered to be its market value and the cash raised from such a deal would be returned to Cordiant shareholders through a special dividend. Cordiant refused to discuss

these proposals but said it did other US agency.

Cordiant said: "Bates is a nouncement in the next seven good business, doing well and days or eight". days or eight". The future

Cordiant has been the subject ures for 1996 show that annual

of work not only by the board, led by Charles Scott and Bob Seelert, but also by SBC Warburg, its merchant bank, which has been working on ways to increase the value of the company.

The group has attempted to persuade Proctor & Gamble, the US consumer goods group, to lift the prohibition on Bates taking any business from companies that compete with P&G. This restriction dates back

to the 1980s when Saatchi & Saatchi, which is one of P&G's main advertising agencies, first bought Bates.

Neither of the two main agencies is seen as performing well in spite of a recovery in profits at Cordiant. The fig-

revenues fell by £6 million to £755 million with the most worrying fall taking place in the US, where Jennifer Laing has been sent to revitalise Saatchi & Saatchi North America.

A Cordiant insider said: "It's OK to have one underperforning agency if the other is pushing for the league title. We have one average perform-er and another in a relegation Cordiant's share price has

risen nearly 40p since mid-December to stand at 130p, unchanged yesterday. The move has been largely backed by speculation about the future of the group and a stated intention by the management of moving the share price to 200p.

Judge clears way Lewinton makes for A&L flotation £1.37m on options

By Caroline Merrell

THE High Court yesterday rejected an attempt by Christopher Whitmey, an Alliance & Leicester saver, to scupper next week's flotation of the

Mr Justice Lightman did not accept Mr Whitmey's legal challenge to the society's plans to give each of its members 250 shares, estimated to be worth about £1,200.

Mr Whitmey, 59, a charity worker, claimed that the **Building Societies Commis**sion should not have approved the conversion in its current form. The law, he said, did not allow the society to issue free shares to borrowing members, who stood to net a total of £400 million.

He claimed that it would be unfair to investing members, if borrowers got their hands

his view. Mr Whitmey is considering whether to

If he had won his move to secure a full hearing, the society's plans to proceed with flotation and abandon its mu-tual status on Monday would have been thrown into chaos. Lawyers estimated in court that postponement would have cost about £20 million.

Cazenove, the broker acting on behalf of A&L, said yesterday that members had so far opted to sell 26.9 per cent of the shares. These are due to be sold in a series of three auctions, starting tomorrow. The shares will go to those institutions that put in the

In spite of the high number of sellers, stockbrokers believe the price of the shares will be in the society's pocket". How- forced upwards. The price is ever, the court did not share expected to start at about 480p. Would split his top roles lated pay.

By George Sivell

SIR Christopher Lewinton, chairman and chief executive of TI, the engineering group, exercised options to gain a profit of £1.37 million during 1996 in addition to enjoying another pay packet in excess of £1 million.

Four other directors shared option profits in excess of £1.8 million, making a total profit on options for five board members over the year of £3.25 million.

Sir Christopher, 65, is also due to receive about £336,000 next month under the 1994-96 long-term incentive plan. His total pay for 1996 was £1.131 million, from £1.204 million. in spite of a rise in basic salary from £600,000 to £625,000. In 1996 he received a £234,000 cash bonus and a £235,000 share bonus.

within the next 12-18 months. Brian Walsh, the vice-chairman and finance director, who is stepping down at the annual meeting next month, received total pay of £452,000, while he also exercised options worth £429,000. Tony Edwards, chief execu-

tive of Dowty and chairman of the Messier-Dowty aerospace joint venture, cashed in options worth £603,905 and received total pay of £424,000.

John Potter, chief executive of the John Crane subsidiary, realised £364,270 from options. Robert Fisher, a director, realised £486,400.

☐ Guinness revealed that Tony Greener, the chairman, received a pay rise from E704,000 to E751,000 in 1996. His basic salary rose from F600.000 to F700.000 but he received no performance-re-

Ford races ahead to \$1.47bn

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

FORD more than doubled its first-quarter profits, enjoying the benefit of a heavy cutting of costs and a recovery in the performance of its European and US operations.

The company earned \$1.47 billion in the first three months of the year, compared with \$653 million in the same period last year, beating most Wall Street expectations.

Last year, Ford was held back by expensive model launches, including the new Fiesta in Europe and the F-Series pick-up truck in America. US operations, which con-

tribute about two-thirds of total profits, lifted earning from \$48 million to \$836 million. In Europe, profits rose from \$142 million to \$1 billion. Losses in South America declined.

The only black spot Ford's figures was a fall in profits in its finance arm, largely because a rising incidence of bad debts. Ford Credit's earnings dropped to \$276 million from \$339 million as bad loans increased.

JJB Sports 58% ahead



David Whelan's JJB Sports is having a ball

By CLARE STEWART

SHARES in JJB Sports rose to a record high yesterday after the sports retailer, founded by David Whelan. the former Blackburn Rovers player, reported a sharp rise in profits for the year to January 31.

Analysts raised current-year pre-tax profit forecasts to between £27 million and £30 million after JJB said like-forlike sales were up 71 per cent in the first II weeks, following on from a strong performance in the reported year, in which pre-tax profits rose 58 per cent, to £20.33 million. A 3p final dividend makes 4.5p (2.92p). The shares rose 5p to 429p.

JJB, which traded from 167 outlets at the year-end. lifted sales by 46 per cent, to £130.83 million. The increase reflects the opening of 19 stores in the year, and 13 per cent like-for-like sales growth.

Duncan Sharpe, managing director, attributed strong demand to a boom in leisure and fitness. Replica kit was 21 per cent of sales, clothing 37 per cent and footwear 34 per cent. JJB expects to open 50 stores in 1997/8. Mr Sharpe said that it envisages having 500 to 700 UK stores.

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Large stays on at SIB

ties and Investments Board for another two months. Sir Andrew, who is scheduled to stand down on May 31, said in January that he would not seek a second term in office. Yesterday the Treasury said Sir Andrew would remain as

SIR Andrew Large, the City's most senior watchdog, is to stay on as head of the Securi-SIB board are made jointly by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England. The Treasury announced on March 13 that Saxton Bampfylde International, the headhunters. had been appointed to help to find the replacement.



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LucasVarity ready for £90m share buyback

MICHAEL CLARK

LUCASVARITY, the Anglo-American automotive compo-nents group, and its financial rs were last night putting the finishing touches to its much heraided share buyback.

The company already has shareholder approval to spend £90 million on the buyback. which at last night's closing price of 19612p, down 112p. would allow it to purchase up 3.5 per cent of the company. It was being emphasised by brokers that the buyback would be accomplished in stages by Cazenove and Goldman Sachs, its own advisers, at a small premium to the ruling market price.

Lucas Varity was the result of a £3.1 billion merger in June last year, between Lucas Industries and Varity Corporation of the US. The marriage has not, so far, been fruitful. The shares have underperformed the market by 25 per cent, gearing remains high, and there are a lot of disgruntled British institutional investors who were not happy to see the dividend cut from 7p to 4.5p on Tuesday. The British are also unhappy about a share buyback operation financed by bank borrowings that seems designed just to please American investors.

Share buybacks are in vogue across America and there is no doubt that the predominantly American board of Lucas Varity will have received a warmer reception from investors at yesterday's presentation in New York than they did from institutions in the City earlier in the week. BZW summed up the mood in London yesterday by putting a sell recommendation on Lucas Varity.

There was a muted response in London to Wall Street's second biggest rise overnight. The Dow Jones industrial average soared 135 points in response to favourable economic numbers, suggesting that pressure for a rate rise is easing. At its best, the FT-SE 100 index was up 20.6 vesterday, but later moved into negative territory as New York gave up ground in early trading on the back of a strong set of output numbers. The in thin trading, with just 672

million shares traded. BP fell 9p to 68512p as HSBC James Capel, the broker, urged clients to switch into Shell, up 4p at £10.33.



Signs of a US court settlement for smokers lifted BAT 280

in response to a buy recom-mendation from Kleinwort Benson, the broker

Early signs that the costly and drawn-out courtroom battles between tobacco companies and the smokers who are suing them may be coming to an end lifted BAT Industries 28p to 54lp. Overnight reports suggested Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco have

New York, losing 20 per cent of its value. This followed concern about the drug lamivudine, which Biochem Pharma has developed and Glaxo Wellcome intends to market. Giaxo closed 5p up at £11.2112.

Most of the bad news from Reuters had already been factored into the price, which finished 3p easier at 589p. The

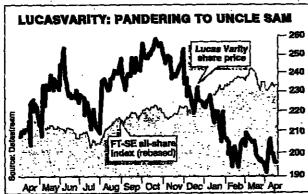
IT HAD been boped Camas would make a full bid for Bardon, its rival. Instead the agreed merger appears to have upset City speculators who bought Bruntcliffe Aggregates. Bardon already owns 22.7 per cent of Bruntcliffe and it had been hoped that it would make an offer for the rest. Bruntcliffe eased Ip to 282p.

smokers' representatives. If successful it could result in a one-off payment of up to \$300 billion (£184 billion) that would end all liability for smoking claims. In addition, strict advertising curbs would be introduced.

Glazo Wellcome touched £11.07 at one stage after Biochem Pharma, its associate, took a bath overnight in

entered secret talks with the company warned shareholders at the annual meeting about the impact of a strong pound on profits. Reed International was also keen to point out the damage to profits from a strong currency and the price put on 8p at £11.0112.

RPS Group rose 312p to 20112p after hitting the acquisition trail with the purchase of a Dutch oil and petrochemicals business for almost £3



strength from the 6.3 per cent rise in the March passenger numbers, with the price closing 12p dearer at 52812p.

John Mowlem firmed 112p to 12612p. The construction group is pushing ahead with lans to float a minority stake

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in its SGB subsidiary.

Cobliam, the old Flight
Refuelling, cheered the City with a near 50 per cent leap in pre-tax profits last year and news of a bulging order book. The shares responded with a

jump of 35p to 652p.

A bullish trading statement fuelled a 23p rise to 31612p in Dixons Motors. Donald Driver, chairman, told shareholders that trading so far was

"considerably" up on last year and well ahead of budget. Speculative buying was good for another 3'2p to 26'2p on Optometrics, where the directors have agreed to sell 53 per cent of the shares to a consortium of investors led by Peter Levine, deputy chairman of Severfield Reeve.

The buyers were out in force again for Cortees International, with the price leaping 43p to 230p. The group has been added to the shopping list of Nomura, the Japanese securities house. GILT-EDGED: The

London bond market was encouraged by the latest clutch of economic numbers. This confirmed that wage inflation remained in check. while the undershoot in public sector borrowing also served to please City pundits. But prices eventually closed with small falls on the day.

The Bank of England has cleared the decks for a further issue of index-linked stock by reducing the price of Treasury Index-Linked 2 per cent 2006 by four ticks as part of a

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished £116 lower at £1091116 as 51.000 contracts were completed.

shed three ticks at £103332. while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick off at £1021116. NEW YORK: Shares were higher but analysts remained unsure whether the market had bottomed out. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 15.65 points higher at 6,602.81.

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Smoke alarm sounds

MAKE no mistake. A settlement between the American tobacco industry and its plaintiffs could be devastating for tobacco companies. The solution mooted yesterday - the payment of \$300 billion over 25 years, funded by an increase in cigarette prices — does not add up in financial terms, would be challenged ad nauseam by private plaintiffs and could lead to a cigarette price war. Brown & Williamson, BAT's US subsidiary, will have little choice but to toe the line if its big brothers. Philip Morris and RJR Nabisco, succumb. In the meantime. BAT should protest at every

opportunity.

Markets hate uncertainty, but this solution would merely create more uncertainty. American lawyers will seek to overturn any deal that attempts to impose a non-litigious claims procedure over the lucrative personal injury

business that props up the American legal profession. BAT has only to look at T&N, which is fighting in the US Supreme Court to restore the Georgine Settlement procedure for asbestosis claims after a successful challenge.

Tobacco litigation cost BAT \$100 million last year, a far cry from the \$1 billion-\$2 bil-lion annual cost to Brown & Williamson for a "final" settlement. With annual tobacco company revenues of \$45 billion per year, a price rise is inevitable, but margin attrition would follow as discounters plunged into the mar-ket, protected from lawsuit by government edic. If self-interest should steer BAT away from settlement there are wider concerns. Who is to gain most from a settlement? Is it the injured smoker, the lawyers who thrash out the deal or a US Government desperate to refinance its troubled Medicaid system.

John Mowlem

THE deck-clearing at John Mowlem has now reached SGB, the scaffolding busi-ness whose links with the construction group go back to the 1920s. Nostalgia apart. there seems little reason to regret SGB's impending flota-tion. Although SGB is obviously related to the group's construction activities, the benefits of full ownership are not compelling.

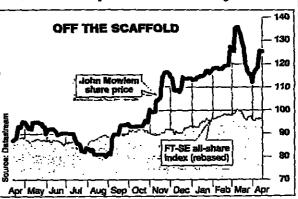
However, seeking a separate quote for SGB is an expensive way to squeeze better performance out of the business. Mowlem will use the £50 million or so raised to redeem a Eurobond issue. but it has no pressing need for the cash. Mowlem has plans to build up the environmental services business based around Soil Mechanics, its geotechnical specialist. With construction

markets still weak, this is where the group believes it has an exciting opportunity.
With the sale of its house-

building arm, the London City Airport, and settlement the dispute over the Carlton Gate development, Mowlem has swept away most of the problems that dogged it through the 1990s. Attention can finally focus

business is dependent on a lasting recovery in demand for bread and butter building and contracting.

Shares in Mowlem, which is expected to make earnings of 9.5p a share this year, have more than doubled over the last 18 months. Yesterday they edged higher to 126 p, which looks fair enough for now.



Reuters

WHAT A TO-DO! Computer nerds around the world have been giving warning for months, or even years, about the "millennium time bomb", that computer software would cost £30 billion in the UK

Yesterday's shocking news s that Reuters, that by-word n global real-time informaion whose livelihood depends almost entirely on computers, could be reaching agne on December 31, 1999. he company's embarrassingly named Series 2000 system, backbone of its financial product family, may not work in 2000. Reuters cannot even guarantee that the Series 3000, launched last year. will not blow a fuse at the

turn of the century. Still, Reuters has almost 1,000 days left to get it right, and, taking a hint from the computer consultants, it could even turn the millennium time bomb into a marketing opportunity. If the 3000 series is indeed millenniumfriendly, Reuters might be able to persuade clients to chuck the 2000 series out the window and buy the new 3000 product instead. A millennium cloud with a silver

JJB Sports

DAVID Whelan, the former footballer, has not put a loot wrong in developing JJB Sports. Yesterday's results City forecasts, fuelling expec-tations of profits hitting £30 million this year.

JJB's confidence in the size of the market - fuelled by sports fanatics and fitnessseekers - is evidenced by the company's extravagant shopopening plans. The firm has also shown an imaginative streak in finding a solution to the shortage of good retailing sites: the conversion of basements or first-floor offices into high-street superstores.

JJB has eschewed the riskier market favoured by fashionled sports emporiums by offering a good product mix, while reducing its sales of lowermargin footwear. On current forecasts, JJB

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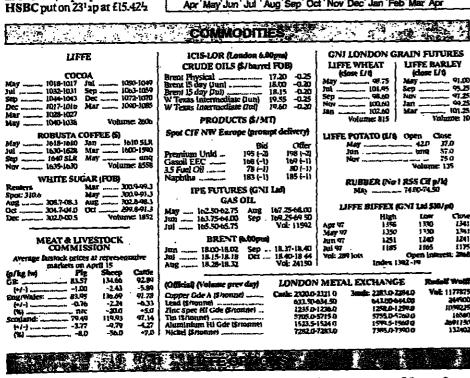
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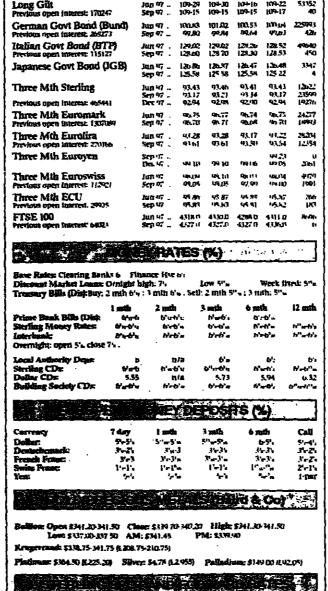
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shares trade on a rating around 21 times prospective earnings. That looks steep, but JJB still has plenty of followers, confident that the public has not been sated by exposure to a sportssaturated media. Nevertheless, there is the cheaper option of Blacks Leisure roup, which serves the camping and outdoor activity market. There are few clouds on JJB's horizon at present. but there will come a point when the store-opening programme of JJB and its rivals could lead to price pressures.

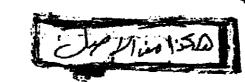
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ost nations in the European Union are marching purposeful-

Union are marching purposerully, if foolishly, towards monetary

union. The election address pantomime suggests that, while the UK Government

takes a wait-and-see line, the Conservative

party is broadly against. Having made no

formal decision, however. Britain is plan-

ning purposefully neither for entry nor for an independent currency. For unsuspecting voters, the results could be dire. One opinion

snapshot claimed 72 per cent approval for

the "wait-and-see" policy. Three quarters of

us may be don't-knows on the most vital

constitutional and economic issue facing the

That suits the main parties. They have

colluded in keeping the euro substantively

off the agenda for reasons that range all the

way from pragmatic to cynical. Tories, dag-

gers drawn at the top, have little option.

Liberal Democrats, who favour a single

currency, reckon it is a vote loser. Labour

may share both motives but appears to be a

Splits aside, both government and would-

be government have a tactical reason not to reject the option yet. Ministers want to

influence negotiations still continuing on

transition details, such as the exact basis for

freezing parities. But none of these negotia-

tions could reasonably turn the decision.

The big question left is how the Maastricht

tests are applied to keep out those whom

Germany regards as lesser breeds or to let in

those under France's godfatherly wing. The

Council of Ministers would approve or veto

genuine collective don't know.

NEW government.



When it would

be better to talk

ED CARTER, a marketing consultant for BT, has cast a shadow over the company's advertising slogan "Ît's good to talk" after he lashed out at an advertising director during a heated debate about the campaign behind the slogan.

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The 6ft 5in American chief executive of Carter Marketing, renowned for his physical strength and intellectual ability, did not see eye to eye with Jeremy Miles, a director at Abbott Mead Vickers.BBDO. Ironically. Miles was defending his advertising company's latest version of the campaign, featuring actor Hugh Laurie. Carter was out of town yesterday, and unavailable for comment.



Laurie: BT campaign

Brand image?

TERRY MANSFIELD. National Magazine's effervescent managing director, was back-peddling yester-day after his off-the-cuff comments about launching a chain of shops under the Cosmopolitan brand surfaced in a trade paper. NatMag was quick to quash the rumour, passing it off as an idea rather than a plan. But why bin the idea - what about Country Life garden centres, a Good Housekeeping chain of cookery shops, or an Esquire store selling tast cars and after shave?

Due thanks

WITH only weeks to gobefore his retirement, the forthright Judge Butler. QC, was in a positively benign mood at the inconclusive end of the Salvation Army trial yesterday. Beaming from the bench, he commended Richard McGregor-Johnson. for the prosecution, and Michael Hubbard, QC, for the defence, for being "most helpful" in making it a sixday rather than six-week trial. He added that the taxing office would be told to deal "generously with the matter of fees".

True to Cordiant

THERE was an empty chair on the speakers' panel for the "Crisis Management" workshop at yesterday's Investor Relations Society annual conference. Tim Jackson, the indefatigable investor relations director of Cordiant was otherwise engaged. He was back at his desk, desperately trying to dampen rumours that the advertising group is about to be demerged.

Account gap

RED faces all round at JBA yesterday, after the software company was forced to apologise for the delay in announcing its preliminary results. With a growing base of investors in the US, the Birmingham company decided only "very recently" to change the group's accounting policy to the American GAAP format. The glitch? "We underestimated the amount of work involved, and ran right out of time," a spokesman said. Results are now expected on Monday.

STAFF at Yamaichi were rewarded vesterday on the hundredth anniversary of the firm. Each member went away with a E90 bonus and a monogrammed pen. Enough to keep their Porsches in petrol for a week

MORAG PRESTON

Conspiracy of silence on the euro will cost voters dear

that list. So there is no case for any party that favours entry to delay saying so, even if that depends on who else is allowed in. Some signals have appeared. Both the Foreign Secretary and his shadow have made authorised but isolated pronouncements that the UK is unlikely to join the first wave if EMU starts on time in January 1999 and maybe not before a 2001 election. Signifi-cantly, that would be just before the final phase of EMU, when domestic currencies are replaced by the euro-in-your-pocket.

As there is no decision, it is not surprising that little effort has been devoted to implementing it. At an official level, the Bank of England has been beavering away in Brussels and Frankfurt, in part to ensure that details for running a single currency suit Britain's vital financial services industry, in part to avoid damage to that industry if the UK stays out. Damage limitation is symbolised by the arcane issue of whether banks in non-participating countries should have equal access to the European Central Bank euro clearing.

Companies big and small are being bombarded with urgent advice from the 100



on preparations they need to make for the change. Perforce, such guides contain smaller sections on what needs to be done if Britain keeps the pound, in the knowledge that few managers think anything else is urgent. Whitehall is gearing up to reassure inward investors that Britain's status in the single market will not be affected.

SEARJEANT

At the strategic level, however, there appears to be a vacuum. If the UK joins straightaway, it will face a bigger challenge than any other major country. Sterling has not prepared for convergence by taking part

in the exchange-rate mechanism, rightly one of the Maastricht conditions. France has been learning to converge with the mark for 14 years. Italy rejoined as soon as it could But Britain has no desire to revive the aborted experiment of 1990-92.

If the UK joined at anything like current

parities, sterling would be as overvalued as in 1990, when it entered the ERM. The consequences would be equally bad, falling this time wholly on jobs. To avoid that, markets would need to adjust sterling's value within a maximum of eight months to what it would be if interest rates were the same as in Germany/France. Either this would be guesswork or domestic monetary policy would have to be abandoned for the duration, with unknown results.

If the UK spurns EMU, it will need a credible long-term policy for sterling. It would not be enough to say sterling should float freely, backed by sound money and fiscal policies. Market traders would want to know if that meant a strong or weak pound, keeping sterling roughly stable against the euro or roughly stable on a trade-weighted basis. If the Government had no such policy, or refused to say what it was, speculators

would just keep pushing until it did. Absence of strategy may stem from the biggest secret being kept from the electorate. Within the financial community, it is an open secret. A recent Merrill Lynch survey

of UK investment institutions managing more than £300 billion of funds found that 97 per cent thought the UK would not join the euro in the first round. However, 82 per cent thought it would join later.

In private, most top bankers, captains of industry, economists and Whitehall professionals seem convinced that the UK will join EMU in the second wave or in 2002 unless the edifice collapses meanwhile. Events will turn a fundamentally political issue into a pressing economic one, for which loss of economic sovereignty may by

then not seem a great price to pay.

Those events would include the consequences of having no sterling strategy and the backlash of the euro's inevitable teething troubles. Both would make financial markets volatile, threatening either a high pound or high interest rates.

Jumping onto the moving train would be ust as risky. If the UK juined EMU at stage 3 in 2002, with an extra year to switch its domestic currency, the least prepared country would then have to adjust its economy, its systems and its relatively much bigger linance sector in the fastest time. That is a recipe for maximum damage.

These are natural consequences of the euro's absence from this election. If voters cannot choose and the next government does not know, others will decide for them.

Robert Miller on the undermining of Morgan Grenfell's reputation

Decline and fall of a fund manager

record fine for Morgan Grenfell began in the United States just a year ago, although the seeds were sown as long ago as September 1994. The ongoing civil and criminal investigations, and the repercussions from what has become known as the Peter Young affair, are likely to affect Morgan Grenfell for years to come.

As soon as Mr Young was suspended from his job as European fund manager last year, rumours surfaced that he was under enormous mental pressure to perform mir-acles with his unit trusts.

Harmanna, Mr Young's wife, said she had often found her husband sitting in the dark talking to his children George and Henry. He had become obsessed with buying large quantities of food; he once set out to do the family shopping and returned with 30 jars of pickled gherkins. Since then it has been rumoured that Mr Young no longer enjoys the most robust mental health.

By April last year senior managers at Morgan Grenfell began to suspect that all was not well in the European unit trusts run by Mr Young, fearing that City rules on investments in unquoted companies had been breached. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) launched an unrelated investigation into the affairs of Solv-Ex. a New Mexico company that extracts oil from sand. In June the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US stock market watchdog, notified its UK counterpart, the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), that it was looking at the role played by Fiba Nordic an SFA member, which arranged a private placement of \$70 mil-

tion worth of Solv-Ex shares. The SFA's City headquar-ters then received further reports about certain transactions in Solv-Ex shares and the investigation was widened.



Robert Smith: tough task

came to the attention of investigators, Ice Securities, also an SFA member, and Mr Young of Morgan Grenfell. Morgan Grenfell has confirmed that independent valuations on the unquoted holdings in the European unit trusts were most often carried out by Fiba Nordic and Ice Securities. Ice appears not to feature in the ongoing SFA investigation although Fiba Nordic is still part of the inquiry process. The SFA notified Imro, the

UK watchdog for fund managers, about the possible trading links between Mr Young, the Morgan Grenfell funds and Russ Oil & Technology, a firm registered in Luxembourg. In early September Mr Young was said to have had a close personal involvement with the Luxembourg company and Morgan Grenfell and Royal Bank of Scotland issued a High Court writ freezing the former fund manager's assets and those of Russ Oil. The writ



Peter Young and the Morgan Grenfell building in Finsbury Circus, central London, where he had his office

Canadian drilling company. It understood that Xavier Mines warrants may have been pledged as security against some or all of the E400.000 purchase price of Mr Young's house in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, where he moved last year with his family. Russ Oil is believed to have been just one of a series of Luxembourg-based com-panies established for Mr Young by Wyler & Woolf, a

Swiss law firm. Imro launched its investigation in mid-August and on the 27th began monitoring Mr Young. Two days later the fund manager was formally interviewed after the watchdog raided Morgan Grenfell's offices and within days had unearthed irregularities in the European Growth, Europa and European Capital Growth funds. On September I, Morgan Grenfell suspended dealings in the three unit trusts

was suspended after a further Imro interview. Mr Young was subsequently sacked for gross misconduct and he is now the subject of a Serious Fraud Office investigation.

ut Morgan Grenfell's woes did not end there. It could even be argued that they were only just beginning. As Mr Young was suspended the company had to announce that in a separate and unrelated move yet another manager, Stuart Armer, who managed the Europa fund, had also been suspended. Mr Armer is alleged to have breached personal account rules by dealing through an outside broker rather than in-house as the rules stipulate. Imro is understood to be examining the number of unquoted stocks

held in Mr Armer's fund. As Imro and Morgan Grenfell wrestled with the problem of how to get dealings in the



with some practical help.

The first problem was to

In early July two new names specifically forbids dealing in and the day after Mr Young three funds back on track clear the funds of all the some 100,000 investors, including three overseas pension vestments held in the three funds - two from Australia trusts and these were taken and one from Holland onto Deutsche's own books at became increasingly con-cerned about the safety of their a cost of up to £200 million. Once the funds had been money. Many had been lured tidied up dealings could begin to invest in the European again and, as predicted, up to funds on the back of an £100 million was withdrawn. exceptional performance However, Deutsche promised record and Mr Young's ability that no investor would suffer losses as a result of the as a fund manager to pick winners. To its credit Deutirregularities that occurred in sche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's the Morgan Grenfell costs. parent company, stepped in

By the end of last year it became clear that although the Luxembourg companies

they only began to have an adverse effect on the performance of the unit trusts from August 1995, and that is the date from which compensation will be calculated. Again, Deutsche will have to foot the bill and this is expected to be about £200 million when the cheques go out later this

estimated that the Young affair will be about £400 million, was then hit by another highprofile event - the Nicola Horlick affair. The senior fund manager left amid accusations and counter-accusations of staff poaching and construc-tive dismissal. Whatever the rights and wrongs it served to underline the impression that Morgan Grenfell appeared not to have its house in order. Therefore, why should inves-tors — whether large or small back that particular house with their money.

Morgan Grenfell has fallen before yesterday's announcement. In the increasingly cutthroat world management it is hard enough to establish a good and lasting renutation rather than just being flavour of the month. It is not an impossible task that faces the tough-talking Robert Smith, who succeeded Keith Percy as chief executive of the asset management arm, but it will take years to rebuild Morgan Grenfell into the world-class fund manager it once was.

Predators set to pounce on 'vulnerable' Norwich Union

NORWICH

UNION

he vultures are already direling the Norwich Union. When it comes to the stock market this summer, policyholders will enjoy an average £800 windfall each, but many corporate financiers are sceptical about the life insurer's ability to remain independent.

Some even doubt Norwich Union's chances of getting to the stock market in June without being swallowed by a predator. AMP, the Australian insurer and parent of Pearl Assurance, is being talked about as a possible bidder.

By tomorrow Norwich Union's 2.9 million eligible members will have voted on plans to become a plc valued at between E3 billion and E4 billion. Norwich Union is the UK's second-largest mutual insurance company after Standard Life, with £40 billion in funds under management and £4.7 billion of worldwide gross premium in 1995. Its floration price will give it a value similar to Legal & General, but smaller than Prudential or

Commercial Union. Most predators would strip out and sell the general insurance business, leaving the life business, which has a strong balance sheet, loyal customer base, well-known brand name and undisclosed surplus assets that could be shared out. subject to Department of Trade and Industry approval. Ian Clark, a partner with

Arthur Andersen and a specialist in insurance company mergers and acquisitions, said: The general insurance arm would appeal to one or two domestic players, and perhaps some European companies, but the real prize for a predator would be the life business." He believes suitors

will step in as soon as NU has a definitive market price. They would have to be large — a hostile bidder could expect to pay £5 billion for NU, which is rumoured to have had talks with Barclays.

continental insurers looking for a foothold in the UK, and could include Allianz of Germany, Generali of Italy, or Aegon of Holland. AMP, the unsuccessful bidder for Scottish Amicable, might also join the fray because it is looking for a company with access to distribution through independent financial advisers. It is eager to make an acquisition this year before its own demutualisation, and has held talks with at least six UK mutual life insurers with a view to a friendly takeover.

Trevor May, insurance analyst with Salomon Brothers. believes that it is probably too fate for AMP to pounce before NU floats. He said: "It is unlikely, but possible, that AMP would separate out its bid for NU's life fund from the non-life and

> put in a hid of around E3 billion for the life arm. But if it did there would most likely be other companies that would make approaches."

> Rebuffed suitors could

Bidders are most likely to be also make a direct appeal to NU's policyholders. Disaffected policyholders played a leading role in forcing Scottish Amicable to consider bids by Prudential, Abbey National and AMP to rival its own demutualisation plans.

But Richard Harvey, NU's deputy group chief executive. said: "We believe the discipline

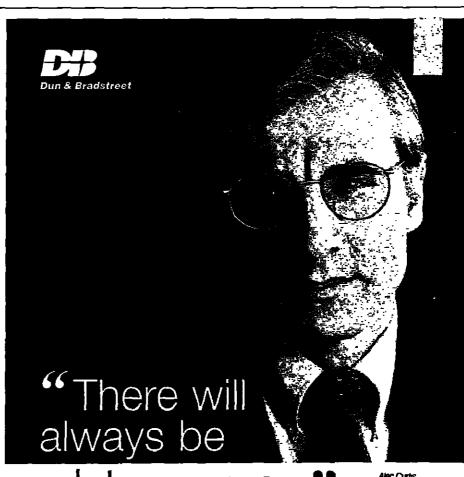
pressures to be efficient and competitive will be good for shareholders and policyhold-ers. The existing and prospective benefits to policyholders will in no way be diminished by the shareholders' interest. Nearly all mutuals are considering their future, and though it is a nice folksy myth that mutual is good, plc bad, it is

simply not true." His views are worlds apart from Alastair Lyons, the new chief executive of NPI, the pensions provider, who said that mutuality was the key to give members the undiluted benefits of life insurers' investment performance, and dismissed the argument that the need for extra capital required mutuals to float.

The City's greatest fear is that Norwich Union will immediately go on a spending spree. It is raising £1.75 billion from the flotation, much of which will be used to buy the general insurance company owned by the life policyholders. It has still to live down its ill-judged investment in commercial property in the 1980s and there is some nervousness about how the rest of the funds

MARIANNE CURPHEY

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Germany hints at purchase of fighter

GERMANY has given the strongest indication to date that it will follow the British Government's lead this summer and buy Eurofighter aircraft, which are built by British Aerospace and other European manufacturers.

Volker Rühe, the German Defence Minister. said the Bonn Government had to set aside cash from next year's budget to finance start-up produc-tion of the jet. "Despite all our financial problems, we must make available the first funds when we draft the 1998 budget in July." Herr Rühe said.

Because of over public finances. Germany failed to sign its Eurofighter order when Britain announced its purchase last summer. Record levels of unemployment in Germany have caused severe budget problems.

But Herr Ruhe has now used unemployment as an argument for buying the Eurofighter. Production of the jet will create thou-sands of jobs in Germany.

Dasa, BAe's German Eurofighter partner, said the future of 18,000 jobs depends on building the jet. As many as 25,000 UK obs are hanging in the

The option of buying cheaper American jets instead of the Eurofighter would only worsen Germany's jobs crisis. Herr Rühe said: "Whoever, in the current situation, undermines investment is doing the wrong thing." Germany would be like

y to order 180 Eurofighters at 125 million marks each if and when the decision is made. However, the main opposition party remains opposed to

the purchase. The Social Democrats said the money could be better spent. Ingrid Matthäeus-Maier has said her party will vote against the Eurolighter in Parliament. In Britain, the Labour Party has pledged to back the project.



John Chesworth, managing director of Bodycote, who is keen to expand operations, particularly through acquisitions in the US

SGB has only one fully independent director

By PAUL DURMAN

SGB GROUP, the scaffolding business owned by John Mowlem that is set for a £100 million flotation this summer, has so far appointed only one fully independent director.

Five of the six SGB directors named yesterday work for either SCB or Mowlem. Ken Minton will be chairman of both companies, while John Gains, Mowlem's chief executive, will be a non-executive director. Bob Stokell, recruited last October as SGB's chief

executive, used to work for Laporte, the chemicals company that Mr Minton ran for 15 years. The Cadbury committee on corporate governance called for companies to have three non-executive directors who were able to bring independent judgment to bear when considering strategy

and management issues. Mr Stokell said SGB was seeking to recruit an industrialist as a non-executive director and that he hoped to make three weeks. The existing independent director is Michael Gatenby, a former vice-chairman of Charterhouse Bank and a director of Bridport-Gundy, Philip Harris and Scholl. Mowlem intends to retain a

controlling stake in SGB and hopes to raise about £50 million to repay debts and invest in its construction business.

Mowlem's links with SGB stretch back to the 1920s. before The Tubular Scaffolding Company evolved into Scaffolding Great Britain. Sir Edgar Beck chaired both com-

1970s, but it was his son, Sir Philip, who carried through Mowlem's purchase of SGB in 1986. Sir Philip stood down as Mowlem's chairman two years ago after years of losses and problems with London City Airport.

Mr Gains said that giving SGB its independence through a flotation would help in the motivation and recruitment of excellent management to take it on a pace. He added: "SGB will have the resources to grow by expansion and

Mr Stokell said that SGB's board would be given the opportunity to acquire shares. An option scheme is also under discussion.

Last year SGB made profits, before interest and tax, of £16 million on turnover of £263.2 million. Mr Stokell said that SGB was likely to take on borrowings of between £40 million and £42 million, giving it gearing of about 40 per

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hepworth sells refractories arm

HEPWORTH, the struggling buildings and heating materials manufacturer, yesterday confirmed the sale of its refractories division to Alpine, the US group, for £62.5 million in cash. Inter-company the sale of £1.4 million has also been repaid. The sale, which has been under discussion since of the sale of the sale. Herman the data to be the sale of the sale of the sale.

repaid. The sale, which has been under discussion since October, will provide funds to reduce Hepworth's debt and develop its core heating, boiling and pipes businesses. In 1996, the refractories arm, which makes heat-resistant linings for hot metal and glass furnaces, had operating profit of £7.4 million on turnover of £157.1 million. The division has operations in the LIV. Palgium Empres and Consider the LIV. operations in the UK, Belgium, France and Canada, Alpine will use it to expand Adience, its wholly owned subsidiary which supplies refractories under the name of BMI-France

New orders lift Cobham

COBHAM, the aerospace group, increased pre-tax profits by 46 per cent to £43.7 million last year as international aviation sales boomed. New Airbus orders and the success of the British Aerospace-led Nimrod bid last summer helped. The total dividend rises from 9.65p to 11.30p with a 7.8p final. Michael Knight, chairman, said: "Our task becomes no less difficult as we strive to maintain a competitive edge in demanding domestic and international markets."

VCI video releases

VCI, the multimedia publishing group chaired by Michael Grade, yesterday agreed to release 22 films produced by Film Four Distributors, a subsidiary of Channel 4, on the retail video market. The video package includes Secrets and Lies, Brassed Off, The Pillow Book and Fever Pitch, the screen version of Nick Hornby's football book. The releases are to begin in September and VCI has guaranteed £1.5 million in royalties to Film Four Distributors.

Chepstow profits slip

CHEPSTOW RACECOURSE saw profits dip 3 per cent to £275.866 in the year to December on turnover up from £1.99 million to £2.01 million. Despite the flat performance, reflecting fluctuations in race meetings and the impact of the weather on attendance. Chepstow has now repaid a Horserace Betting Levy Board loan and reduced its bank overdraft. A 6p dividend is proposed. First-quarter turnover and profit for the current year are said to be well ahead of 1996.

Dencora pays dividend

DENCORA, the property company, reported a 16 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £3.6 million in the year to December. Higher rents, the acquisition of Shell's former research centre in Kent and letting of space during the year helped to lift net rental income by £619,000 to £8.4 million. The net asset value per share increased 6.4 per cent to 216p. Dencora is paying a first and final dividend of 4.5p, up 9 per cent. The shares ended 12p higher at 1802p.

Blockleys deeper in red

BLOCKLEYS, the troubled Telford brick and paving maker. plunged deeper into the red last year, incurring a pre-tax loss of £2.7 million, compared with a £581,000 loss the year before. Turnover was down 14.4 per cent from £9.7 million to £8.3 million and losses per share rose to 7.41p, against 1.74p losses. No final dividend will be paid, but a nominal 0.01p interim dividend will be paid on July 1 in respect of the year just ended, maintaining the total at 0.01p.

Olivetti's shares suspended tinuing losses. Olivetti expects

OLIVETTI shares were sus-pended on the Milan bourse yesterday after plunging 10 per cent in response to further heavy losses (Oliver August

The Italian information technology group also an-nounced a share capital restructuring that will reduce the number of shares in issue. Pre-tax losses in the first quarter of 1997 stood at 180 billion lire (£65.3 million), which the group said was in line with its budget.

Sales fell 10.4 per cent to 1.4 trillion lire. This excludes revenues of 172 billion lire from Olivetti Personal Computers, which was sold at the start of

to approach break-even in 1997. However, to achieve that it may sell non-strategic equity investments and dispose of loss-making operations.

start of a new strategic part-nership with France Telecom this month. In spite of the con- on Infostrada, a joint venture.

The company also expects to see a positive effect from the

growth of 15 per cent.
A final dividend of 4.8p lifts the total 21 per cent to 7.4p.

Record for

expanding

Bodycote

By CLARE STEWART

EXPANSION overseas and a

busy order book helped to

power Bodycote Internation-

al, the metal processing spe-

cialist, to record 1996 profits.

Profits rose 48 per cent, to £27.2 million before tax and

exceptional items, on turnover

up 49 per cent at El20 million.

higher but for the strong

pound, which cost £2.25 mil-

lion last year. John Ches-

worth, managing director, said that if sterling remains at

present levels profits this year

could slip by up to £2 million. Last year Bodycote made nine acquisitions, and further acquisitions are being sought.

mainly in the US "where we

have a small presence but

which is such a big market for

The company's core metal

technology businesses, serv-

ing customers across a wide

range of industries including

automotive and aerospace, lifted profits 53 per cent high-er to £27.1 million. Acquisi-

tions accounted for 38 per cent

of that increase, with organic

us", Mr Chesworth said.

Profits would have been

Independence day yet to come

Jack Maurice on why an issue of big

potential interest has been excluded from four papers on ethical matters

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) has issued exposure drafts to its 110 member bodies for comment on four different ethical issues. However, the issue of greatest potential interest to the auditing profession and its clients is conspicuous by its absence. It relates to the subject taxing regulators all over the world

the independence of auditors. The exposure drafts - with similar drafts from the IFAC to change its code of ethics are issued every two or three years and prompt a number of pertinent questions, such as why they are of interest to UK

auditors and their clients. The answer lies in the fact that the six leading UK ac-countancy bodies all belong to the IFAC. As such they undertake to do everything they can to ensure their own ethical guidance implements the pro-visions of the IFAC code.

So if a proposed change in the code receives general support, an equivalent provision will have to be added to the guidance of the UK bodies unless it is there already.

Because the UK accountancy bodies pride themselves on being in the van of the world's accountancy professions, in most cases there will be such a provision. The status of the

Passing political

phase at the ICA

IT WAS all a bit surreal.

Chartered Accountants' Hall

in Moorgate Place has seen

political action before. But it is

usually mild stuff, such as the

president of the Institute of

Chartered Accountants in

England and Wales urging

members to vote for a rise in

subscriptions. Last week it

was Tony Blair trying to

convince the world that ac-

countants and business people

in general were flocking to his

IFAC code is hinted at in the answer to the previous question - national bodies are expected to harmonise their domestic guidance with the code. The latter is, however, directed at the accountancy bodies rather than at individual accountants - to tell the bodies, in effect, what their own codes should contain.

Nevertheless there is provision for individual bodies to adopt the code more or less intact, although such a course has not been adopted by the accountancy bodies of the most developed countries that require a bit more sophistication in their guidance. Since it is of worldwide application, the IFAC code has really to aim for requirements based on highest common factors.

The issues now exposed are all of interest to the UK profession. For example, Issue "The Accountant's Responsibility for Disclosing Confidential Information" confronts the thorny issue of whistle-blowing, while Issue 3 gives guidance about supervision by accountancy firms of the increasing number of nonaccountants they now employ. Both of these issues are central to the culture of the profession. However, the first and the

fourth issues are a little more

parochial - the application of

the launch of the Labour

Party's manifesto for business

had the secretariat at Moorgate Place jumping. But it is likely to be a passing

phase. Suggestions that "Brit-

ain Deserves Better" banners

should be retained for next



Jack Maurice says a wait and see approach is probably best

the code in the face of varying national environmental and regulatory requirements and the mechanisms by which member hadies should give support to members in ethical matters. The UK bodies have little to fear on the latter, since all of them have developed difficulty. Indeed the ICAEW's CAASE service (for members in practice) deals with more ethical inquiries than any other accountancy body in the world and its IMACE service (for members in business) was the first such service, but is by now merely the first of a dozen or more specialist support units, run by accountancy bodies in both hemispheres. So what is the missing

issue of such importance? It is none other than the continuing thorny problem of "other services" - that is, what additional roles an audit firm may properly undertake for its audit-clients. Reference was also made earlier to the sophisticated guidance of the developed accountancy na-tions. This is an area calling for the greatest sophistication. Indeed, the Chartered Accountants Joint Ethics Committee (UK and Ireland) is in the process of finalising its own dernier cri on this subject, designed to slot in to the new "framework" (risk-based) approach to questions of objectivity and independence.

The IFAC ethics advisory group has had an independence project going for some time, and an exposure draft on "other services" would have been expected to head this latest batch. A key element on the IFAC's decision to stay its hand is probably what is happening in Europe. The European Commission has it in mind to mandate FEE, the European accountancy body. to produce definitive core prin-

ciples for audit independence based on FEE's own existing application of the framework approach. In addition to producing the principles. FEE will also have to "deliver" the commitment of the EU accountancy bodies to accept and implement them. This is an initiative that IFAC can hardly ignore, and since the principles are due by the end

of the year. "wait and see" is probably the best course. The deadline for comment on e exposure drafts is June 30, 1997. Copies may be obtained by phoning (01908) 248123.

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Staying on

SOME people are gluttons for punishment. David McDonnell has been national manag ing partner at Grant Thornton since July 1989 and his current term of office was due to end in June next year. But having built the firm into what one partner this week described as a "very, very robust and effect-ive organisation" McDonnell has been voted an extension. His term of office will now stretch through until the year

ROBERT BRUCE

Sweetness and light reigns over reforms

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A REMARKABLE thing has happened. Accountants and politicians, usually in a state of frenzied argument, have fallen happily in step. Even more remarkably both sides are agreed, more or less, on the actions

needed to continue this process. It is a far cry from the days of the last Labour government when relations got so bad that the profession was given a matter of days to come up with some sort of disciplinary process that would have public credibility. The process that has now evolved into the profession's joint disciplinary scheme was the result. That was prompted as ever, by a rise in auditing scandals,

Since those days successive Conservative governments, bristling with Thatcherite zeal, may have stripped the old respectability from the professions and endless back-pedalling was the result. But it was always a matter of fighting a losing battle and trying to make it appear to members of the profession that an orderly retreat was actually a positive policy.

Regulation has always been at the heart of the negotiations. There is a fundamental problem. The accountancy profession has to push for some form of selfregulation while the rest of the world demands independent regulation. Trying to reach an effective compromise had produced some remarkable stretching of philosophical points.

As a result the profession has always been in difficulties. Conservative governments, embarrassed as ever by corporate collapses, have been insisting on resolute progress towards some type of independent regulatory system. And politicians on the Labour side, the vocifer-ous Austin Mitchell in porticular, have

harried the profession unmercifully. But it now looks as though the long retreat is about to pay off. At the time of the last general election the Labour Party front bench plans for the profession were somewhat milder than the Mitchell rhotoric. But they were still proposals that the profession would have found uncomfortable.

This time we are in the remarkable position where the major parties' proposals for the accountancy profession are in accord. And, if anything, the Labour Party proposals read almost as if they were written by the profession's leaders. When you find the Opposition spokesman saying things like "the accountancy profession itself recognises the need for change" you know that something is up. And on the long-running problem of reforming joint and several

liability the Labour Party has decided to take up the profession's own proposals, admittedas much as a policy with which to batter

the Tories as out of any reforming zeal. So in last week's launch of the Labour Party's business manifesto, which even took place at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, there were proposals like "we will ensure that there is a framework of independent regulation for the accountancy profes-sion". And "we will review the laws on joint and several liability so that incorporation in this country provides accountants with

adequate protection". Austin Mitchell must be furning. It is little short of astonishing that the Labour Party has stated that one of its policies is to protect accountants from misfortune. In the past the heaping of misfortunes on accountants was the central plank of almost anyone's policies towards the profession. The question now is how well the profession can come up with the

goods and ensure that whoever is in power after May I will find that the accountants can provide the means through which the

policies can be enacted. On regulation it looks as though it may be possible. Chris Swinson, of BDO Stoy Hayward has laboured long and hard with his proposals for an independent review board structure to take regu-lation of the profession as far as seems practically possible away from the influence of

the profession itself. But for opposition from CIMA, the management accountancy body, the whole scheme would have been agreed by now. And it would have been extremely useful to have had the blueprint available to present to an

incoming government, particularly a Labour one, so that it could be bolted on to any, more central proposals for City regulation. But the signs are that the difficulties are being overcome and that agreement will allow plans to be put forward speedily.

As for the efforts to reform the law on joint and several liability the signs are that proposals would have been published by now by the Department of Trade and Industry had the election not intervened. They would not have provided as much respite as the profession would like. But there is always the prospect that a Labour government might strengthen the proposals. What accountants should be doing is making sure that this remarkable period of agreement on objectives is allowed to continue. Rubbing the eyes in dishelief will not be enough.

cause. The use of the hall for

week's institute president's dinner have been rebuffed. More secrecy

THE council meetings of the

the secretive side. Press and public may be allowed in for an innocuous half hour or so, but the real business continues in the closed sessions. Last week's meeting brought in yet another layer of secrecy. The closed session was held to debate sections of the Gerrard report, which suggests reforms to the running of the

In particular, the report has some tough suggestions about the way that the secretariat is

having a director-general. As a result it was not only the press that was asked to leave the chamber. Andrew Colquhoun, chief executive. and the secretariat members were turled out as well and headed back to their offices, doubtless to toy with their paperclips and ponder their fate. But they should probably heave a great sigh of relief. Insiders said that the debate was

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■ FILM 1

Everyone bursts into song, perhaps unwisely, in Woody Allen's slight but jolly Everyone Says I Love You



FILM 2

The Saint is back, but not as we know him, as Val Kilmer displays his repertoire of implausibility

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Thirties gangsters talk metaphysical in the sombre world of Abel Ferrara's The Funeral



FILM 4

An engineer discovers the joys of dropping out in the whimsical Box of Moonlight

CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees the great man change his pitch, but not a lot, in the charming Everyone Says I Love You

Woody on song in same old themes

To get much pleasure from Everyone Says I Love You, you must accept Woody Allen's ground rules. This is a musical, but no one is a professional singer. Instead of Madonna, you get Julia Roberts, awkwardly post-synched, droning the words of All My Life, one of many vintage songs corralled into the soundtrack. Fancy footwork is beyond the cast, too. Look at Edward Norton, stumbling over a table during My Baby Just Cares for Me, performed in a ritzy

This, you see, is a democratic musical. Everyone is given the right to sing, whatever their talent or role. Passers-by sing; beggars sing; taxi drivers sing; hospital patients, even bodies in a mortuary, sing. Once you make adjust-ments, it is all quite charming.

You must also accept Allen's blinkered world view. Here we are in his 26th film as director, still stuck on New York's Upper East Side, with side trips to Paris and Venice. Here again is the usual family muddle: couples, former couples, stepchildren, best friends, fathers and daughters, tying themselves in knots over the pursuit of love and happiness.

Allen choreographs them with practised ease, and plays the dejected former husband, coached by his daughter Natasha Lyonne in the ways of wooing the Tintorettoloving Roberts. Lyonne's half-sister, played by Drew Barrymore, has her own romantic affair to resolve: the presentable Norton seemed the perfect partner, until she saw the stubble and grimace of Tim Roth's paroled prisoner. Meanwhile, Allen's former wife (Goldie Hawn) flutters at charity functions, while her second husband. Alan Alda, throws up his hands at the conservative views of his son, Lukas Haas.

The humour is familiar, the stereotypes reassuring, at least to Allen's niche audience. But not everything in this machine runs smoothly. Working with the choreographet Graciela Daniele, Allen falls into elaborate production numbers mai spark mu than the songs tossed off on a whim. The biggest of all, set at a Groucho Marx celebration in Paris, reinforces the feeling that this fragile film is fading away from a malnourished plot and an acute awareness of its own insignificance. For all its charm and funny jokes, Everyone Says, a hesitation. waltz around the themes and punds of Hollywood's 1930s musi-

akis, dances itself into the ether. Every major studio wants its franchise", some property that can bag a big star, be spun into sequels.

been nurturing The Saint since 1990, when the producer Robert Evans courted the octogenarian thriller writer Leslie Charteris, and came away with the rights to his novels about Simon Templar, gentleman thief and righter of wrongs.

ago, it seemed Ralph Fiennes might be the man whom Charteris described as "a dashing daredevil, imperturbable, debonair, preposterously handsome", played in the past by such professional Englishmen as George Sanders and Roger Moore. But the man who now stares out at us is Val Kilmer, American, he of the cocky demean-

> Everyone Says I Love You

Warner West End, 12, 91 mins They say it with music too The Saint Empire, 12, 116 mins

Botched revival of Leslie Charteris's gentleman thief The Funeral

Curzon West End, 18, 99 mins Abel Ferrara's brooding racketeering drama The Addiction ICA Cinema, 18, 82 mins

Ferrara's philosophical vampire movie Box of Moonlight

Warner West End 15, 107 mins Winsome and wearisome

Metro Odeon West End, 18, 117 mins Eddie Murphy, action hero

our and chipmunk grin. The director is Phillip Noyce.

Kilmer, a most unsympathetic performer, is part of the film's problem. Another drawback is the absurd script, which takes Templar far outside Charteris's framework. We begin in Templar's youth in a learn of the character's dark side all franchise heroes seem to need one these days. Then we are whisked to the Moscow of the near future, where the Saint proves to be a master of disguise.

Accents, teeth, hair and clothing change at a moment's notice. The most ridiculous creation is "Thomas More", a languid bohemian invented to snare the affections of Elisabeth Shue, an unlikely American scientist at Oxford, who is developing a formula for cold fusion. With hero and heroine finally a team, the film sends them

Scripts were written, directors inked in, stars wooed. Three years

Julia Roberts, Woody Allen and a Venice canal in the slight but attractive hesitation waltz set to 1930s Hollywood musical numbers, Everyone Says I Love You to Moscow, where a budding Italian-American brothers. Vincent Rasputin (Rade Serbedzija) engi-Gallo's Johnny begins the film as a corpse, laid out for the family to neers an energy crisis to sweep himself to power honour. The wake does not progress far. Tortured flashbacks Even if the plot made sense, The erupt into the minds of Christopher Saint would still not satisfy. There are none of the set-piece excite-Walken's Ray, the family head, and

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socks off.

ments that Brian De Palma orougni to *Mission imp* Noyce can only manage flabby crowd scenes or tired trickery, and seems unsure what tone to adopt. Should his film be an up-to-theminute action blockbuster, or an old-fashioned camp extravaganza? Audiences will have an easier time pitching their response: mocking laughter, with a dash of despair. There is not much to laugh at in

The Funeral: Abel Ferrara, its director, prefers to focus on violence, psychosis and a Catholic awareness of heaven and hell. The setting is 1930s New York; the main characters are three racketeers.

Chris Penn's Chez, bar keeper and cannon. Past and future contain the same message: for a gangster, family, honour, compassion and revenge come with a

Guns are fired, axes whirled. Blues music soaks the soundtrack, while faces flit in and out of darkness and the wives chide from the sidelines. In gangster movies, all this is commonplace. But only Ferrara would impart such force to the talk about roasting in hell, or shape Chez into such a scary character. Past Ferrara dramas have strained our patience with their grandiose visuals or delight in depravity; think of King of New York or Bad Lieutenant. This film is far more respectable - spattered with blood, but rooted in character and serious thoughts.

errara's team have another film in town, The Addievampire tale made in 1994. The opening minutes seal the heroine's fate. New York University student Lili Taylor is grabbed by Annabella Sciorra, yanked into an alley, kissed and punctured. Hey presto, a new vampire, and one, moreover, who is studying philosophy for her PhD. To prove the point, there are references to Nietzche and Kierkegaard, plus visual reminders of the My Lai massacre and the Holocaust.

Ferrara is being glib by stirring such references into his stew. But we could do with jolts in a genre

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recently dominated by over-cooked turkeys such as Bram Stoker's Dracula. Ferrara's film shows you what vampire hunger feels like. Taylor, the spunky actress of I Shot Andy Warhol, prowls a Greenwich Village drained of light and colour. Much of the film is darkly funny. narficulariy when Walken's vampire appears for some wise words and a quick snack. All of it is memorable, and inventively shot

with low-budget panache. Ferrara seems in better artistic shape than his fellow American independent Tom DiCillo. Box of Moonlight is long but slight, too consciously aiming at winsome charm. John Turturro plays an uptight electrical engineer who starts to unravel on assignment far from home. When the job is cancelled, he stays put in the backwoods, discovering the wonders of anarchy with a free spirit

called Kid, who lives "off the grid" in the shell of a trailer surrounded with stolen garden ornaments.

DiCillo's humane spirit infuses this philosophical road movie. Neither character is judged: we simply watch the shifting relationship between Turturro and the sprite, played by Sam Rockwell. But it is not enough to keep the movie alive: for all the agreeable performers and quirks, Box of Moonlight

grows steadily more footling. Still, you are better off gazing at DiCillo's moonlight than watching Eddie Murphy in Metro. Thomas Carter's movie aims to present its star as a feisty, caring hero, a hostage negotiation expert with the San Francisco police. Occasionally the film remembers that Murphy is best being funny; mostly, his hands are tied chasing the villain's runaway cable car or having stand-offs with his tedious girlfriend.





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Marvin Hamlisch's musical, The Goodbye Girl, comes to London VENUE: Opens tonight at the Albery Theatre



CHOICE 2

Jean Boht stars in Arthur Miller's drama, All My Sons, in Basingstoke VENUE: Opens tonight at the Haymarket Theatre

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ACTS OF LOVE

First Independent, 18, 1996
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MONCE A JOLLY SWAGMAN Carlton, U, 1948

STRANGE to think that the librettist of Peter Grimes, Montagu Slater, also wrote a novel about speedway racing.

This is its film version, a showcase for the surly good looks of rising star Dirk Bogarde. The plot locks the characters into a mundane cycle of trials and tribulations, but director Jack Lee provides some compensation with atmospheric scenes of the sport in action. Nothing, however, quite warrants the American release title: Maniacs on Wheels.

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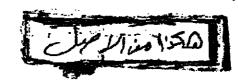
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THEATRE: Daniel Hill's tragi-comic Gulf War play; plus an energetic Orwell revival

They must be mad to fight

studies involves a surgeon with Tourette's syndrome. a condition that makes the sufferer twitch and judder, and sometimes obsessively curse and swear. If you had met this gentleman while pondering a hernia operation you might have felt a mite concerned: but there would have been no need to worry, for he was immaculate with the scalpel. And that is the difference between him and the military shrinks and psychiatric nurses in Daniel Hill's Gulf War play. They not only look cracked. Most of them are

"OK, session's over," amiably cries Anthony Calf's Simon, their chinlesswonder CO, as he prepares to introduce them to the only casualty the "battleshock recovery unit" is asked to treat. He assumes that the twin fist-fights that have broken out between two officers and two or three NCOs are part of a role-playing exercise. In fact the "loon squad", as it's also called, is about to self-destruct. Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? Who will shrink the shrinks or psych out the psychiatrists?

Apparently such units now regularly follow armies. They counsel men who have lost their nerve or become suicidal under fire, and they decide whether to send them home to their families or, better, convince them that the real family is now their comrades. That sounds a lot more civilised than shooting them as cowards. But were I a shellshocked squaddie who had fallen into the hands of Nigel Terry's fiercely behaviourist Cameron, or Mark Hadfield's feeble Davis, or Vincenzo Nicoli's beefy Reilly, an ex-Para and Broadmoor nurse who wants to build a booby-trapped fence round the loon

Hampstead

squad's camp — well, I think I would call for a firing party and a blindfold without delay.

This is Hill's first play, and it takes too long establishing who and where its eight khaki-clad characters are. But just when you are dismissing Terry Johnson's production as irredeemably cumbersome, the Saudi desert metaphorically blooms. David Horovitch's dour Cartlege pauses from reading his Bible and arguing with God to mock Terry's feisty

Cameron as "Scotland's answer to HRT" and "the Billy Connolly of psychiatry".

Davis loses his gas-mask, his helmet and his rifle, puts on pants emblazoned with the Union Jack, and displays symptoms of disturbances. displays symptoms of disturbance that, of course, nobody recognises. The squad's sand-coloured tent turns out to be bright green instead and won't stand up.

won't stand up.

The play is often very funny, but neither Hill nor Johnson, who inserts film-projections of screeching fighter-planes, forgets the basically serious point. There is a contradiction between being professional healers and williams and the professional healers and williams and the professional healers are professional healers and the professional healers are professional healers. military patchers-up. That is very evident when the squad is faced with a teenage Welshman who has freaked out while bagging disinte-grating Iraqi bodies, and fails utterly to cope with his understandable

confusions. In the programme Hill gives his "sincere thanks" to the British Army for helping his researches. I wonder if it will thank him for his play.

> -- BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Music to the voters' ears

RADIO: There are moments

during wall-to-wall election

coverage when only tunes will do

of radio election coverage may be thought to have rendered me immune to proper radio, but the re-verse is true. The reassurance that normal life is continuing becomes doubly essential when one's office furniture is buried under audio tapes of everything from the Today programme to The World Tonight.

Radios 2 and 3 have proved to be a particularly useful sanctuary this week. There are moments when only music will do. One sometimes becomes so locked into the Blair babble or the Major metronome that the offer of even a cup of coffee can produce star-tling responses. "More cof-fee? Has this been costed?" That sort of thing.

The most effective anti-dote, and readers may find it equally useful, is to set aside an hour at the end of the day and declare an election-free zone. This way one has the satisfaction of listening to music while the television channels are awash with earnest analysis and predictions as to where tomorrow's banana skins will pop up.

will pop up.
Sunday night's best example was Songs from a Country Called Spain (Radio 3), the last of a delightful series which has cheerfully ignored mainstream Spanish music in favour of exploring the byways. Sunday featured the Costa Brava, where splendid alternatives to listening did alternatives to listening to English football songs include the habaneras. folk

y temporary de-ployment along village which tell of the the watchtowers trade routes to Central

On Monday I heard some of Richard Allinson (Radio 2). This is a gentle 90 minutes and although "night music" usually has the same soporific effect on me as a cup of Horlicks, Allinson is a good presenter who mixes music, interviews and some useful flagging of the next day's news

Tuesday night is especially rewarding on Radio 3 because of the mixed bag on offer after 11.30pm. Composer of the Week is usualworth its hour, certainly this week because it featured Miklos Rozsa, who wrote some super scores for Hollywood in the 1940s. The programme also featured Rozsa's piano concerto, Spellbound, played by Leonard Pennario and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, with Rozsa conducting.

Notes, still too late at night but now embarked on a series "celebrating Birmingham jazz". Please, no jokes: Birmingham has more jazz outlets than concrete flyovers (I may be exaggerating there) including, of course, the only Ronnie Scott's outside

And so it goes on, giving the lie to the spreading conviction that the only escape from John Humphrys is Robin Lustig. If music be the food of sanity, play on.

PETER BARNARD

Snouts out of the trough

Stage's energetic show begins, ushers walk in front of the audience handing out plastic macs. The first row fisely accepts what is offered cause the set is a farmyard. filled with what looks like good quality potting compost. It also includes an old enamel hath, and into this the actors throw themselves, or one

another, or duck their heads. Alan Lyddiard's production gave the Newcastle-based company their first popular success four years ago, and this revival has been touring the country before setting off on an international tour. Mud will be easy to find in The Netherlands, but how about

Jerusalem, I wonder? Seven performers take the Napoleon, Squealer, Farmer Jones, faithful Boxer and all the other characters of George Orwell's anti-Stalinist fable, published at the end of the Second World War. The cast trudge onto the stage carrying battered suitcases. and here they are identified as **Animal Farm**

themselves to hear a story Orwell's opening sentences from the start.

the particular system he warned against, and Lyddiard locates the production in the Soviet experience by the snatches of Russian work songs surfacing in the electronic rock of Test Department. However, I am not happy about the poster showing our own political leaders with "demon snouts" across

Young Vic

"The Travellers". Settling they soon drop to the ground and transform themselves into animals, wriggling, pacing and sliding, and those animals who are going to end up more equal than others wear boots on their hands. The pigs walk upright, and bend their arms behind their backs. It is not obviously porcine but the posture marks them as different

Orwell's book has outlived their faces. Or did I somehow miss the show trial and everution of Mikhail Heseltine in 1986, as well as news of the icepick that finished Geoffrey Howe? False analogies are as

damaging as any lie. The rhythms of ploughing are vividly represented, and the individual performances are thoroughly persuasive: David Whitaker's timorous Napoleon, gearing himself up to address the proletariat, sniffling to himself, worried. mad: Jane Amfield's Squealer. the propaganda chief, glib and lithe, swiftly turning her head to identify dissenters while mouthing a cataract of meaningless figures. "Flea infesta-

tion down by 15.12 per cent!" Towards the end I began to feel the content becoming intellectually thin. Perhaps more is now needed to press the message home. Sequels have been written to dozens of popular tales, and too much has happened to Animal Farm since 1945 to let its history rest with Orwell.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Frothy **Sixties** poetry

Gainsbourg. Such hip acts as Black Grape and Stereolab have recorded the songs of the late French roue, and Suede's Brett Anderson duets on the new album by Gainsbourg's partner of many years. Jane Birkin. Gallic pop has long been derided by rock n rollers and there is a strong suspicion that Gainsbourg's posthumous attraction lies more in his bad-boy reputation than in his songs.

This one-off London date at the Festival Hall was Birkin's

POP

tribute and presented an opportunity to reassess Gainswas mixed. Di Do Dah, for example, is pure pop froth in any language and made risi-ble Birkin's claim that her partner was "as great a poet as Apollinaire". On the other hand, Quoi and Baby Alone in Babylon expressed a maturer emotionality.

Backed by an unimaginative rock band and a rather better string quartet, Birkin made her mission harder by gushing incontinently about the man for whom she still carries a torch. We had all made Serge "very happy by being there'; every time he wrote her a song he was "giving me himself to sing". Part of Birkin's appeal lies in her vulnerability but this was mawkishness run amok.

Birkin's thin, fragile voice

appeared close to cracking on occasion, but that is also part of the charm. Ultimately for someone with a reputation as a former wild child, she came across as far too polite and bourgeois. The audience loved her. As most seemed to be in their late twenties it was impossible to avoid the thought that many of them were probably conceived with Je l'Aime...Moi Non Plus, the notorious 1969 duet with Gainsbourg which was Birkin's sole British hit, playing seduc-tively in the background.

> NIGEL WILLIAMSON

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Triumphant homecoming

most difficult of Monteverdi's three surviving operas to bring off. It makes no concessions to operatic fluff, and there are few comic interludes in its unremittingly serious, not to say nearevangelically "improving" account of simple human virtue winning out over the merely commonplace and the capriciousness of the gods. But when it works, as it did in Leeds on Tuesday, it's one of the most profoundly stirring of all operas.

Annabel Arden's production for Opera North was first seen at Buxton two years ago. She has returned, along with the original conductor Harry Bicket, to prepare this revival, and so perfectly integrated are the musical and dramatic elements that it is hard to discuss them separately. Three continuo players, lute, theorbo and organ, are on stage, supplying that intimacy between players and singers that gives both complete freedom of expression. Bicket's Barroque pit band of eight makes all the right sounds and inspires the singers to speak urough singing" — as good a OPERA The Return of

Ulysses

Grand, Leeds translation as any of recitar

cantando. The music is the drama and vice versa, and Bicket's pacing is perfect. Tim Hatley's set is on two levels, allowing the action to flow without any interruption. and his time-travelling cos-

tumes enable an opera written in 1640 to time-travel as well. Arden concentrates on clear narrative, and everything else flows from that. During Penelope's lament, Ulysses is seen struggling ashore; as he sings his first solo, she is silently, patiently sewing above. There is a hint of regret (as there must have been in 1640) at the passing of better times in the way Penelope's treacherous suitors are presented as sleek city businessmen, and the

gods are mercilessly guyed Maybe there is little in the way of "great" singing on show, but everyone on stage is

words and notes, and conveys that meaning to the audience; indeed, Anne Ridler's excellent translation is as strong on direct communication as Arden's production. Alice Coote's Penelope has dignity, over-whelming melancholy, and a touch of strategic flirtatiousness when keeping her suitors bay. The way she only unwillingly accepts the truth of her husband's return as happiness almost too great to bear is very moving. Maybe Nigel Robson's passionate involvement in Ulysses occasionally leads him beyond the

but far rather that than bloodless barockery. There are equally vivid per-formances from Therese Feighan (Minerva). Frances McCafferty (Nurse), Nicholas Sears (Telemachus), and Valentin Jar as the glutton Irus, his tenor as substantial as his formidable embonpoint. There are indeed no weak links in the cast of 13, and the challenge of a very tricky opera has been triumphantly met. Lucky Leeds.

bounds of "correct" vocal style,

RODNEY MILNES

erhaps she could not resist the temptation to release a quick trill from Handel and let it echo round the auditorium, almost catapulting a startled carpenter out of his seat in the gallery where he was taking his lunch-time nap." Well, perhaps. And then again, perhaps not Alan Chedzoy is describing Elizabeth Sheridan's first visit to Drury Lane in 1778. A few lines earlier he tells us that when Dick led her out onto the empty stage she drew her

breath in with delight." Theatrical biography, more than most categories of the genre, presents two insidious temptations. The first is to dip too greedily into the giant bran-tub of unattributable thespian anecdote that stands so alluringly to hand. This, on the whole, Mr Chedzoy has resisted. The second is to blur the distinction between what we know and what is unknowable. To know and what is unknowable. To this Mr Chedzoy yields with distressing frequency — "Mrs Linley, pregnant and practical, bustled about the room filling cups and snuffing candles" — "The clock ticked loudly, the sunlight

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Richard Brinsley

The Story of Elizabeth Linley By Alan Chedzoy Allison & Busby, £16.99 ISBN 074900 264 6

from the window imperceptibly slanted a little more to the west and still Eliza waited." This stylistic reminder of the novelettish element in Eliza Linley's life with Richard Brinsley Sheridan is not a service to the reader, any more than is Mr Chedzoy's evident reluctance to experiment with variations of narrative pace.



Breakfast with champions: Sheridan, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Southey and Byron among the guests

ren Hastings were accounted outone of the brightest parliamentary standing feats of parliamentary figures of the age. Pitt feared him "How should such a more than he did Fox, and thought fellow as Sheridan, who has no him the greater man. His speeches diamonds to bestow, fascinate all young lady visitor to Polesden Lacy. "I would like my roses to see you. The playwright Richard Cumberland, jealous of the success of The School for

Walpole wrote to

Lady Ossory. "Yet witchcraft, no

doubt there has

been, for when did

simple eloquence

ever convince a

majority?"
For witchcraft.

read simply charm and wit. "Won't you

come into the

garden?" he asked a

Scandal, pinched his children to stop them laughing. "This was very ungrateful of him," said very ungrateful of him, said Sheridan, "for I went the other night to see his tragedy, and

laughed at it from beginning to end." The poet Samuel Rogers once remarked on the strength of his admiration for Mrs Siddons. "I wonder you do not make open love to her," he said. "To her!" said Sheridan. "To that magnificent and appalling creature! I should as soon have thought of making love soon have thought of making love

to the Archbishop of Canterbury! He had also a notable degree of self-knowledge. They talk of avarice, lust, ambition, as great passions," he once said to Lord Holland. "It is a mistake. They are little passions. Vanity is the great commanding passion of all." And yet it was not his vanity that undid him, but his fecklessness - with some assistance from the bottle. though he would have been hard put to it to drink either Pitt or Dundas under the table.

There are matters of detail into which Mrs Kelly has not dug deeply enough. The newly-built Royalty Theatre near the Tower of

London was not, as she states, closed down after one performance in 1785. "Plausible Jack", the actor John Palmer whose brainchild it was soldiered on until April 1788 before throwing in the towel. Nor was the night Garrick died in 1779 the only occasion in the whole of the 18th century that Drury Lane remained dark as a mark of respect to a private individual; Garrick himself had ordered the house closed when Susannah Cibber died 13 years previously.

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inclair-Stevenson have been stingy in the matter of illustrations. The 22 they have allowed Mrs Kelly are unimaginarively arranged and the reproduction is inferior. A life as colourful as Sheridan's cries out to be more richly illustrated than this. The well-known Reynolds portrait appears on the dust-cover, but he sat to many other artists - Gainsborough. Hoppner, Opie, Orchardson, Ronney — and there is a host of contemporary cartoons and engravings which might have been trawled to illuminate the text to greater effect.

When an English castle is also a home

Deborah Devonshire on the real

reason the British treasure

their great houses

ristocracy, says the dictionary, means government of its state by its best citizens". All over now, more's the pity, and the so-called aristocrat, now powerless, is hardly the word to describe the latter

As builders of the stately homes they started off quite well. Hatfield, Penshurst, Burghley, Haddon, Hardwick and co. were open to the public in the 18th century. A hundred years on the railways brought big crowds and it was still considered the people's right to be shown round these houses, romanticised by the

Victorians. Entry was free. It was a shock when Lord Sackville, a crusty old chap who disliked his fellow men. closed Knole in the 1880s. There was a near revolution in Sevenoaks where the tradespeople depended on the trippers.

One or two owners began to charge to reduce numbers. But it was the 4th Earl of Warwick who actually set about turning his castle into an asset rather than a liability in 1886. His family continued to do this till they eventually succumbed to a tempting offer from Ma-

The writer lumps owners together as if they were a breed of dog when, in fact, they are as individual as their houses. . It is their problems and interests which are the same.

The Lord Warwicks get the publicity, but for one of them there are dozens of steady people who look after their inheritance as well as carrying out endless local duties, which the author finds too boring to mention. The silent majority still in situ seem to me to have ridden out the storms of punitive taxes, recurring agricultural depressions, wars, pestilence and Lloyds with admirable judgment and

Mr Mandler seems to be unaware that the Statelies have attendant cottages, farm roads and buildings, and endless outgoings which must be paid for, as well as the upkeep of the houses themselves. Pensions? Not mentioned. Forestry is deemed to be an asset. In all the years I have lived near trees they have been a constant drain on estate resources. The author often mentions, but fails to understand, the Englishman's deep seated love of his land.

The unfortunate owners can't do right. If, like Lord



The responsibilities of ownership: Lord Sackville, centre, joined workers from his estate in order to clear fallen trees from Knole Park in Sevenoaks, Kent, after the Great Storm of 1987. From In The Wake of the Hurricane by Bob Ogley (Froglets Publications Ltd, £8.95)

THE FALL AND RISE OF THE STATELY HOME By Peter Mandler Yale, £19.95 ISBN 0300067038

Montagu, they try to make a go of the place they are greedy. If they are forced by taxation to sell up they are running away. If they sell what is loosely called "A Work of Art" to pay for new lead on the roof they are "threatening the integrity of the house", but if holes in the roof allow the Old Master drawings and rare books to get wet there is not much

integrity left. The writer is surprised that little was done about country houses in the 1940s. Had he been in England then he would have noticed the minds of government and owners were on other things. He might look at the war memorials in village churchyards. Few landowning families were spared the death of at least one man of military age.

In the 1950s taste descended to a nadir and the author is right in saying that few Eng-lish people wanted to live in. and no one wanted to work in, a big house.

There has been a gradual change in attitude which has gained momentum in the last 20 years. Television programmes have sharpened people's interest in works of art, and concern for conservation of the best buildings and their contents is driven by 2,300,000

AT SCHOOL a playground bully once threatened the young Dyer: "You do that and

members of The National Trust. The author can hardly bear it when things begin to look up for some, but alas, many houses are still vulnerable and will inevitably come on the market to be sold and almost immediately re-sold when the buyers discover they don't fancy their new responsibilities and have bitten off more than they can chew.

Hoping for a word of encouragement in the summing up I find the French chateaux cited as an "instructive comparison". Oh please. You can't compare them. There are two basic differences between French and English attitudes to country houses. Frenchmen who have the choice would rather live in Paris than the country, whereas the opposite holds here; and the Code Napoleon has split up estates and emptied the chateaux of their contents. Primogeniture has been the saviour of what is left in this country - and a

great deal is left. The academic-eye view cites reasons for visiting houses as nostalgia and snobbism. Nowhere can I find the word "beauty" used to describe a house or garden and I believe that to be the reason you and I enjoy seeing the wonders which are available to us. There are mistakes in facts and figures and little which is constructive, but, living over the shop as it were, I read it with intense interest.

The Duchess of Devonshire has been responsible for the housekeeping of Chatsworth

The illusion of safety

REMEMBER those words of Orson Welles in The Third

In Italy for 30 years under the Borgias they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed they produced Michelangelo. Leonardo da Vinci, and the Renaissence. In Switzerland they had brotherly love, they had 500 years of democracy and peace, and what did that produce? The cuckoo clock." Welles would have fallen silent as to what comes after.

for this could be called a study in secretiveness. But there are degrees of secretiveness, and a handful of men recently decided to break that secretiveness. Hence, two books: Tom Bower offers Blood Money. The Swiss, The Nazis and the Looted Billions", and Adam LeBor proffers Hitler's Secret Bankers. "How Switzerland Profited From Nazi Genocide". LeBor's book is much rougher. Bower's is a truly profound work. But from both there arises a stench of dreadful evil, and the stink comes from a place no one would

have guessed: Switzerland. When the Holocaust began. a great number of Jews sought a safe place for their money and valuables; almost all chose Switzerland. Alas, almost all died at the hands of the Nazis. But of course their heirs would inherit; naturally, the Swiss would give back what they had taken into presumably safe custody.

Bernard Levin

on the shame of the Swiss

BLOOD MONEY The Swiss, the Nazis and the Looted Billions By Tom Bower Macmillan, E19.99 ISBN 0.333715179 HITLER'S SECRET BANKERS How Switzerland

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ISBN 0671 01027 1 But the Swiss did not. And then there began a fight in which the fighters must have believed that they were in the grip of hallucination. The Swiss had — and still have laws making a vast complex of money, money few have seen and even fewer understood. The Swiss dug in, their path

could not find the appropiate papers and shrugged. Take Richard Mathius: "As a Jew, I suffered, but survived the war. But I am now destitute except for my savings. I cannot get at them. It is causing me great suffer-

strewn with lies; again and

again, they said that they

ing." He goes on: "Having lost their relatives, Jews were now being denied their property." It is no exaggeration to say that without Tom Bower the thousands upon thousands of people - people whose parents died in the Holocaust would never get a penny from the Swiss. Indeed, the last chapters of the book are almost incredible, and indeed the Swiss would have waved it away as absurdity, had not Bower produced the iron-clad evidence. And even then, it needed United States Senator D'Amato to help tear away the

Switzers' lies. Readers of this book will feel indignation, and so they should. But there is something else in this story. What price Switzerland? What price? As high as the buyer, presumably. Again. Bower has opened a door that nobody else had seen; that Switzerland will be seen from now with truly different eyes. For we are not talking about Zaire or Papua or Saddam Hussein. but a country that for many years has been - if rather stiff one of the most honourable, democratic and safe.

Safe it is. Deeply corrupt as well. Corrupt, you say, eye-brows rising: what else can you call a country whose eaders have to be dragged out because otherwise they will steal, rob, and cheat? You say that that is going to far? Read Tom Bower's Blood Money.

A good tablet is hard to find

Tibor Fischer

THE DISCOVERY OF HEAVEN By Harry Mulisch Viking, E17 ISBN 0 67085668 1

ry Mulisch's novels to make it into English is very much like watching a marathon - even when it's not especially gripping, you can't help admiring the effort.

The Discovery of Heaven is best described as a book of 730 pages, bulky enough to be a lethal weapon. Comparison with a history-as-conspiracy work such as Eco's Foucault's Pendulum would not be inappropraite. Its fondness for the Sixties and length are reminiscent of A. S. Byart's Babel Tower, Mulisch's novel strives to go as far as a novel can go: a vast intellectual landscape - a veritable aircraft-carrier of literary am-

bition. And it's not bad. The central action is extremely reducible. Max Delius, a brilliant astronomer, and Onno Oui philologist, meet up in Amsterdam, become fast friends and then have a nebulous menage à trois with Ada Barnes, a brilliant cellist, which produces a child, Quinten. Quinten is the subject of much celestial interest since he has an important job to carry out on Earth, namely locating the tablets Moses brought down from the Mount.

ulisch's previous novels. The Assault and Last Call, earned him much admiration and he's well-qualified to go for The Big One. He can write (despite the 730 pages he has a lean style) and he can make scholarship exciting. Unless you're exceptionally cultivated you'll learn a lot from this novel in fields such as Biblical execesis, and about archaeological oddities such as the Phaistos disk (a disk of baked clay - dating from 1700 BC which has the distinction of being the world's first typewritten document, but one which no one can undestand). Mulisch also provides a slick guided tour of 20th-century history (the First World War was, for example, a bit of necessary foreplay in Quinten's conception) and some excellent Francis Bacon gags.
The final chapters of The

Discovery of Heaven, in which Onno and Quinten pull a heist in Rome, are sparkling and irresistible. However, I wonder whether the unpaid reader will make it that far (I suspect that some of the everyday Dutch stuff was more nutritious for the original Dutch readers), and also fear that having built up suspense so thoroughly and so exhaustively Mulisch set himself an almost impossible task in closing the book. The final twist. for me, wasn't utterly satisfying, but if you're planning a long holiday ...

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you'll regret it. I did and I did."
This short, farmy book is not
so much about Lawrence, as about the indecisions and absurdities of the writing life.

Notionally on the Lawrence trail from Eastwood to Mexion. Dyer's narrator is always raring to go and not going: wanting to be somewhere and then desperate to move on. In this, there is a resemblance to Lawrence, who also came to dislike most places he lived. Dyer, however, enjoys the comedy of his own behaviour. As he sets off for a Greek island, his luggage is heavy with books. Not just conve-niently so, but excess baggagely so ... I looked at

the Complete Poems and felt

suddenly sure that if I took it

to Alonissos it would lie un-

opened for six weeks ... if I

didn't take it to Alonissos, I

OUT OF SHEER

RAGE In the Shadow of D. H. Lawrence By Geoff Dyer Little, Brown £16.99 ISBN 0 310 64002 6

would decide it was indispensable and that without it 1 would be unable even to start my book Even the act of writing involves impossible decisions:

he shuttles hopelessly between two files on his computer, one with his book on Lawrence in it and the other with his current novel. This had me laughing out loud, though I couldn't help remembering that Lawrence himself was able to write anywhere, even while people were talking in the same room.

Saying yes to Bert Sometimes, Dyer's irritable monologue reads like one of those letters of Lawrence he so much admires; his rage at seafood, for instance, particularly sea urchins: "blackened conkor shells with a tiny strip of (presumably) slimy, salty orange gristle in the middle." In Eastwood, too, failing to discover Haggs farm where Law-rence enjoyed his childhood friendship with Jessie Chambers, Dyer fulminates against the landscape Lawrence had found so delightful. It was that grazing English countryside I have never cared for; mud. tractor marks, hedgerows, scrubby land, brambles. A cowscape without cows. A

BSE landscape." His understanding of a depressive temperament gives him good reason to allow Rilke, Thomas Bernhard and Nietzsche into the book. Dyer has something interesting to say about the nature of Law-



rence's "saying yes to life"; and he is sharp on the limits of Raymond Williams's dictum that the tragedy of Lawrence was that "he was a working class boy who did not live to come home. Still, this is in no sense a book of criticism, more a mischievous deflation of the biography. His vision of Lawless of a put down than it



Lawrence and Dyer: the absurdities of the writing life might seem. Domestic skills

were part of Lawrence's enviwhole enterprise of literary rence as DIY handyman is

able relish in doing whatever lay under his hand, and helped to give him that sense of the "great privilege of being alive" which fills his letters Elaine Feinstein is the author

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The non-stick king

Geoffrey Parker finds a biographer to suit a ruthless monarch

hilip II refused to let his life be written during his lifetime. He thereby saved himself from adulators, whom he hated. But he left the field wide open to detractors. Since then he has consistently been given a bad press." Henry Kamen, author of many excellent studies of Habsburg Spain, has rallied to Philip's rescue and ransacked archives all over Europe for material written by, or about, the maligned King. Much of Kamen's documentation is new - he has found some entirely fresh material (such as the King's letters to his cousin Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy in the 1550s and to his daughter Catalina in the (590s) as well as uncovering many novel and interesting details from well-worked archives — and he deploys it to present an account that (in his words) "differs very radically from the traditional one".

Above all, his biography clothes Philip in Teflon, so that neither the criticisms of his enemies nor the censure of other historians ever seem to stick. Thus Kamen argues that the king persecuted his Protestant subjects primarily to keep the

> PHILIP OF SPAIN By Henry Kamen Yale. E25 ISBN 0 300 07081 0

peace; that he could not have been a party to such acts as the murder at Court of nobleman Juan de Escobedo because "he was not a master of duplicity, and his closest colleagues saw nothing to suspect": and that he should be seen as "neither an imperialist nor a crusader" since he "limited his horizons strictly to a defensive role" and never encouraged royalist

Apparent contradictions - such as commenting "I'm very glad" whenever he read that another heretic had been burnt, or paying a state pension for years to Antonio Pérez, whom he knew to have had Escobedo murdered; or seeking to dethrone Elizabeth Tudor through assassination plots after 1571, or sponsoring a logo in public buildings that showed a globe with the motto non sufficit orbis ("the world s not enough") — should be disregarded because "Philip was never at any time in adequate control of events, or of his kingdoms, or even of his own destiny. It follows that he cannot be held responsible for more than a small part of what eventually traspired

during his reign." One of these small parts involved Philip's enjoyment of "hunting. tourneys and, above all, 'ladies'.' Readers will find a lot here about the sex-life of the most powerful monarch in the Western world. Kamen has discovered a revealing correspondence between Philip and



Not in control of his destiny? Rubens' allegorical view of Philip II (1527-98), now in the Prado, Madrid

the chamberlain of his fourth wife, Anna of Austria. At first the king appears mean-spirited, anxious to prevent his new consort from spending money as prodigally as her late predecessor, Elizabeth de Valois: It is not acceptable to continue the household practices of the late queen; everything must be done as it was in the time of my mother." Anna's loving disposition soon won him over, however, During her first pregnancy, his letters to the chamberlain urged that "if the queen wants to leave the palace, remind her to go in a chair so that she doesn't have another fall." Later on, while he was away from Madrid, he insisted "Let me know a day ahead if she happens to feel pains, since I don't want to miss the birth" (the chamberlain obliged and Philip was with his wife

throughout her six-hour labour).

But we are repeatedly told that Philip was only "scrupulously faithful" to Anna; during and between his earlier marriages, the king "diverted his sexual energies elsewhere" and Kamen specifies four illicit liaisons.

e offers no convincing evidence for this, citing instead two "relations" by Venetian ambassadors (composed at the end of their diplomatic posting, not during it). and the Apology of William of Orange, written after Philip II issued a decree of outlawry which unwisely criticised the prince's unhappy personal life. Since, as Kamen himself says in another connection, Venetian relations are often both tendentious and incorrect, and since Orange also accused

the king of incest, sodomy, and

murdering his eldest son Don Carlos (charges that Kamen — rightly — either dismisses or ignores), it seems unsound to accept their unsupported amorous allegations. They may, of course, be true: but only direct contemporary evidence can provide proof.

Although scores of authors in many countries will write about Philip II as 1998 (the quatercentenary of his death) approaches, few will marshall such an impressive range of new material, and even fewer will provide such a favourable portrait. Indeed, apart from those unsubstantiated sexual innuendoes, had Kamen lived 400 years ago he might have persuaded his Tellon king to lift the ban on biographies.

Professor Geoffrey Parker is the author of Philip II (Hutchinson, 1979).

Sean O'Callaghan on a tale of life inside the IRA

A story that has been fed upon the meat of anger

K illing Rage is a very disturbing book, not least because Collins himself comes across in large part as a person raging at the world. Everybody, it seems, is to blame for everything that has happened in Mr Collins's life except Mr Collins himself. Even so, this is not, though the publishers claim otherwise, a comprehensive examination of the provisional IRA. Collins is far too self-centred for that and in any case his knowledge of the organisation is confined to a small theatre of operations in the south Co Down area of Northern Ireland.

From my knowledge of the events surrounding Collins's in-volvement he describes the factual circumstances correctly. It is the choice and tone of his language that is often questionable. In fairness to Collins he does not attempt to absolve himself from involvement in the crimes he committed - and for which he was never convicted.

What I found most unpleasant about the book was the passage in which he describes his feelings for Ivan Toombs who was killed in January 1981. His work made him a part-time UDR officer, whose murder Collins helped organise. This is how he describes his opinion of Toombs: "For me, the more I found out about him, the more admirable I found him." At the same time, he writes in describing his feelings towards Toombs's eight-year-old daughter, whom he knew: "I'm putting the finishing touches to your

There is something extremely disturbing about this. Sometimes

KILLING RAGE By Eammon Collins and Mick McGovern Granta, £15.99

ISBN 1862070083

you cannot help feeling that he is somehow enjoying shocking the reader. Collins does succeed correctly - as I can testify - in portraying many of the IRA members he worked with as disaffected malcontents. I am not too sure, in spite of what appears to be a genuine change of heart on his part, that he escapes the same

censure himself. The book goes on to describe several murders and bombings

wonder just what it is that drives Collins. Is it genuine remorse, or is he a man who feels that he has never been given the recognition he deserves? For my part, I never lost the feeling that, more than remorse, a burning rage at his own failures accounts for a large part of Collins's motivation.

which Collins helped organise. Eventually arrested by the RUC

he breaks down under question-

ing and agrees to turn Queen's

Evidence. However, he quickly

retracts, earning a pardon from

the IRA. Yet he appears to be still

enraged, feeling the IRA let him

down: there are periods when you

Sean O'Callaghan is a former IRA man and Garda



THERE is something of Auden in Jonathan Keates's latest fiction. The title, Soon To Be A Major Motion Picture, has the emblematic irony of Musée Des Beaux Arts, distancing the reader from the actual content. These nine stories are far too exquisitely classicist for a makeover by the movies.

Few people write like this any more, and that is equivocal praise. His style is elitist, very High Church. Even the imagery is ingrained with class: "The lamp-light glistened on the oiled sleekness of his hair and the pomaded ends of his moustache, giving him an air of slightly vulgar uselessness, like those presents given us by grateful servants which we are too embarrassed either to place view or to throw away."

His characters — aristocrats, Sloanes, the idly rich — are not people you may be familiar with. Uttering things like "Lille will be perfectly ghastly in this heat" they feel more resurrected than invented and their membership of a hermetically sealed class means they cannot quite reach their feelings, as if all emotion were on a shelf too

Irony cannot quite hide Keates's attachment to these doomed characters, or the age of courts and salons. An heiress has little to fret

Not the movies, darling

Russell Celyn Jones

SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE Stories

By Jonathan Keates Chatto & Windus, £12.99 ISBN 0701166185

about other than her maid leaving town unexpectedly, and the wrong dresses arriving from Gavotte. In Caliginous, a Sloane called Fudge twho could be a descendant of the heiress above), rails against the abstract threat of encroaching social climbers by seeking safe harbour with a gay man who she hopes may straighten out for her. In every one of these stories there

is a glancing moment of great personal change, which Keates freeze-frames. In the finest story of the collection, The Cherry Thief, a

stolen bowl of cherries is traced to the maid by two upper class Italian cousins, Enrico and Giorgi, recounting the event as adults. They discover she only borrowed the cherries to show their colour to her dying child, and thus reveals the interlocutors to themselves. In Irs Never You, an urban gay couple from Clapham live according to the rigid dictates of style magazines. By chance one of them cycles into a Sussex church fête and experiences himself existentially in an encounter with a modern-day Alice.

Whether the milieu is London. France or Italy each surface is written with consummate elegance. ornately carved as Renaissance architecture. And Keates is equally perfectly confident in the company of Jewish adolescents, art historians, or an African slave who is writing the definitive History of Boredom. I spotted characters from other of his stories making cameo appearances in this, the last in the collection, amidst the fake classical allusions to ennui. Which is more than can be said of the young girl in the first story who fails to intuit the descent of an angel into her room. Ah, the dead know so much more than the living. The past was a better place for angels, and maybe

Making sense of what's in black and white

I REMEMBER going to a Cambridge May Ball as an undergraduate. I was dressed up in a long evening dress and made up and be jewelled to within an inch of my life. Yet as soon as I came in through the gate someone rushed up to me and said "Oh, good, you must have come to do the washing up." He did not ask himself why I would wear an evening dress and diamante to do so. He only knew that I was a black woman and therefore must belong to the kitchen. This is what black American Professor Patricia Williams, who delivered this year's Reith Lectures, would describe as one of the "small aggressions of unconscious racism" as opposed to the "big-booted oppressions of bigotry in its most extreme manifestations.

Before she could even deliver her lectures she got a going over from the boot boys of British bigotry, the tabloid press. I met her. In person the softly-spoken law professor was, unsurprisingly, quite different from the wild-eyed extremist depicted therein.

DO YOU HAVE A BOOK TO PUBLISH?

Diane Abbott

SEEING A COLOUR BLIND FUTURE By Patricia Williams Virago, £5.99 ISBN 1 860 49365 3

With exquisite courtesy Professor Williams invites the white reader to think through the issue of race. She offers not a single set of pronounce ments but a layered set of parables for sensible and sustained consideration". White people find their own racism an acutely difficult subject to deal with, so mostly they do not. White people love to assert that they or their institutions are "colour-blind".

SHE explains that such a statement is all too often used to deny black people concrete experiences of racism. And underlying most white people's professed "colour-blindness" is an assumption that being white is the norm and ultimately superior. Or, as Professor Williams says, it imparts "the sensation of certainty that no black person has anything at all to teach you". In her lectures Professor Williams writes about things that every black person knows but few white people even begin to understand. Her aims are modest but worth-

while, "a little shift of empa-

thy" here, a "degree of

thought-provoking anxiety

there. Middle England can

rage all it likes. Despite its

worst prejudices, black wo-

men are out of the kitchen.

And we are not going back.

Scourge of popular horrors

be, whose English this book sets out to protect? For no monarch since George IV (possibly since Charles II) has been at ease with colloquial or stylish English. Presumably the King is partly Edward VII, in salute to The King's English published in 1906 by the Fowler brothers. Kingsley Amis asserts, nostalgically, that no writer worth his salt practices his trade without H. W. Fowler's Modern English Usage sitting on his table. This is an attempt to

Philip Howard

THE KING'S ENGLISH A Guide to Modern Usage By Kingsley Amis HarperCollins, £16.99

bring that indispensable book up to date. But it cannot be called by its name, because last year OUP published a third edition, The New Fowler's Modern English Usage, revised and substantially rewritten by R. W. Burchfield.

The King's English might be a punning reference to Kings-ley himself. In which case, 1 hope that the scourge of our pun-drunk headline-writers approved the title, and that it was not invented for him posthumously by some clever-Dick at HarperCollins (a welded word to make Kingsley fume). Otherwise there will be ructions from the great untidy desk in the sky. But his book is not very like Fowler's.

Amis had some of the quali-

ties of the great WordFowler

himself. He loved precision.

He wanted to get his meaning

over as clearly as possible, and

let "rules" and taboos go jump



You should say not: Kingsley Amis in fine form, 1986

and poet, without Fowler's schoolmasterly organisation or pedagogic urge to pigeonhole, to get everything shipshape. And he did not spend 20 years compiling his guide. So his book is shorter, with far fewer entries than Fowler's. It

in the bin. He made jokes. But is an engaging and choleric amis was also a fine novelist tour of the bees in the Amis bonnet. Sometimes the crusty old curmudgeon roars "Balls to Mr Banglestein" at the modern world, Europe, feminists, change, women, preten-tion, youf and bloody foreigners. But any linguistic reactionary who hopes to have

his (seldom her) prejudices confirmed is in for a disappointment. For Amis wrote beautifully, and in spite of his intemperance in later life, he was surprisingly liberal about split infinitives, ending sentences with prepositions and other pedant's shibboleths. Except for pronunciation,

which attracts by far the longest and grumplest entries. Perhaps the poor boy turned writer and scholar manqué was insecure about having "correct" pronunciation himself. But like all other departments of language, pronunciation changes the whole time. Fowler got it right. Write with the best. But speak as our neighbours, not better. Some of the Amis headwords are as unheloful as Fowler's: "Berks and Wankers", "Popular Horrors", ie ongoing and in-depth. Some of the entries are just wrong, such as the one on the -xion ending.

any of the others are over the top, an IVI element in which Amis lived and moved and had his being, as well as a popular phrase of which he would have disapproved. He is savage and funny about the "pissy" language of politicians, journalists and other self-satisfied pontificators. After reading him, nobody with any sense of modesty will parrot such horrors as "or whatever" or "in terms of" or "feedback" again.

But in general the dear old master rages and teases well. He is always entertaining, and sometimes useful and original. It is a shame that the man who did so much to describe the modern world in Lucky Jim ended by hating it (or posing as if he hated it) so much. But his book is bedside reading rather than an essential tool for the writer's table.



Candidates and constituencies

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Robertson, RS (C)

Wharton, R (Ref)
Begg, M A (Lab)
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Stephen, N R (LD)
1992 C maj: 4,725 (10.7%) ABERDEENSHIRE WEST & KINCARDINE Boundary Change Electorate 59,123 *Kynoch, G (C) Smith, Sirk (LD)

Mowatt, J (SNP) Khan, Q (Lab) Ball, S (Ref) 1992 C maj: 4,437 (10.5%) AIRDRIE AND SHOTTS AIRDRIE AND Boundary Change Electorate 57,673 *Liddell, Ms H L (Lab) Robertson, K (SNP) Brook, N (C) Wolseley, R (LD) Semple, C (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 19,655 (44.4%) ALDERSHOT Boundary Change Electorate 76,189 Howarth, G (C)
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Bridgeman, T (Lab)
Howe, J (UK Ind)

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*Shepherd, R (C) 1992 C maj: 11,024 (21.1%)

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1992 LD maj: 2,622 (7.2%) ARUNDEL & SOUTH DOWNS Boundary Chang Electorate 67,64 l

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Emerson, P (Gm) 1992 UU maj: 14,392 (33.5%)

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Collins, D (NLP)
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Duval, G (PL)
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1992 C maj: 23,864 (44,3%)

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Petter, S (Grn)
Choudhury, K (C)
Islam, S N (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 27,721 (55.6%) Milson, T (Lib) Abdullah, M (Ref) BARNSLEY WEST AND 1992 Lab maj: 12,365 (27.7%)

PENISTONE Electorate 64,894 BEVERLEY & HOLDERNESS *Clapham, M (Lab) Watkins, P (C) Miles, J (Ref) Knight, W (LD) Boundary Change Electorate 71,916 *Cran, J D (C) O'Nelli, N (Lab) 1992 Lab maj: 14,504 (30.2%) BARROW & FURNESS Withers, S (NLP) Electorate 66,960 1992 C maj: 15,957 (29.2%) *Hutton, J M P (Lab) Hunt, R (C) Mitchell, D (Ref) Metcaife, A (LD)

BEXHILL & BATTLE Boundary Change Electorate 65,584 Wardle, C (C) Field, K (LD) Beckwith, R (Lab) Thompson, V (Ref) Pankhurst, J (UK Ind) 1992 C. maj: 16.340 (31.4%)

BEXLEYREATH & CRAYFORD **Boundary Change** Electorate 63,334 *Evennett, D A (C) Beard, C N (Lab) Montford, F (LD) renner, W (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 12,003 (22.9%) BILLERICAY Boundary Change Electorate 76,550. *Gorman, Mrs T E (C) Buchanan, J (PL) Richards, P (Lab) Williams, G (LD) 1992 C maj: 20,998 (35.3%)

BIRKENHEAD Electorate 59,782 Field, F (Lab) Crosby, J (C) Wood, R (LD) Evans, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 17,613 (38.5%)

BIRMINGHAM SPARKBROOK & SMALL HEATH Godsiff, R D (Lab) Hardeman, K (C) Harmer, R (LD) Meads, L (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 18,448 (37.5%)

BIRMINGHAM EDGBASTON Boundary Change Electorate 70,204 Marshall, A (C)
Stuart, G (Lab)
Gallagher, J (LD)
Oakton, J (Ref)

1992 C maj: 5,056 (9.9%) BIRMINGHAM ERDINGTON Boundary Change Electorate 66,380 *Corbett, R (Lab) Tompkins, A (C)
Balnes, M (PL)
Cable, G (Ref)
Garrett, I (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 8,523 (16.8%)

BIRMINGHAM HALL GREEN Electorate 58,767 "Hargreaves, A R (C) McCabe, S (Lab) MCC2.0e, S (LAD) Dow. A (LD) Bermett, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 3,665 (7.8%)

BIRMINGHAM HODGE HILL Electorate 56,066 *Davis. T A G (Lab) Grant. E (C) Thomas, H (LD) Johnson, P (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 7,068 (17.3%)

BIRMINGHAM LADYWOOD Boundary Change Electorate 70,013 Short, Ms C (Lab) Vara. S (C) Marwa. S (LD) Gumey, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 21,469 (5) .0%)

BIRMINGHAM NORTHFIELD Boundary Change Electorate 56,842 *Burden, R (Lab) Blumenthal, A (C) 1992 Lab maj: 1,379 (3.4%)

KEY TO THE PARTIES

The following abbreviations have been used for the

C - Conservative; Lab - Labour; LD - Liberal Democrat; SNP - Scottish National Party; PC - Plaid Cymru; UU - Ulster Unionist Party; DUP -Cymru; UU - Ulster Unionist Party; DUP Democratic Unionist Party; SDLP - Social Democratic and Labour Party; SF - Sinn Fein; All Alliance; UKU - United Kingdom Unionist Party;
Ref - Referendum Party; UK Ind - UK Independence
Party; NLP - Natural Law Party; PL - ProLife; Grn -Party; NLF - Natural Law Party; PL - Proble; Grid-Green Party; Lib - Liberal Party; Soc Lab - Socialist Labour Party; Comm - Communist; BNP - British National Party; Loony - Monster Raving Loony.

The Boundary Commissions for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have made significant changes to many constituency boundaries since the 1992 general election. Where a boundary change is indicated, the 1992 result is a notional calculation. Lack of a reference denotes that the constituency is the same as in 1992. The list of nominations is complete at the time of

BOSTON & SKEGNESS

1992 C maj: 11,422 (22.6%)

1992 C maj: 14,131 (25.3%)

BOURNEMOUTH EAST

Boundary Change Electorate 67,623

*Body, SirR (C) McCauley, P (Lab) Dodsworth, J (LD)

Boundary Change Electorate 68,113

Furlong, A (Lab) Ellis, J (LD) Halborg, S (Ref)

Boundary Change Electorate 61,862

*Atkinson, DA (C) Barratt, T (NLP) Stevens, J (LAb)

Musgrave, AS (Ref) Benney, K (UK Ind) Eyre, D (LD)

1992 C maj: 11,243 (24.4%)

BOURNEMOUTH WEST

Boundary Change Electorate 62,928 *Butterfill, J V (C) Springham, A (NLP) Gritt, D (Lab)

Tooley, L (UK Ind) Dover, J (LD)

Boundary Change Electorate 79,292

*MacKay. A J (C)
Sneigrove, A (Lab)
Roberts, D (PL)
Cairre, W (Ref)

Boxall, L (UK Ind)

Electorate 66,228

1992 C maj: 23,880 (40.2%)

*Rooney. T (Lab)
Skinner, R (C)
Browne, T (ED)
Wheatley, H (Ref)
Beckett, W (Loony)

1992 Lab maj: 7,664 (15.7%)

BRADFORD SOUTH

Hawkesworth, A (C) Wilson-Fletcher, A (LD) Kershaw, Ms M (Ref)

BRADFORD WEST

Baranowski, G (NLP)

1992 Lab maj: 9,502 (19.4%)

1992 C maj: 13,388 (23.1%)

BRECON & RADNORSHIRE

Electorate 71.961

Singh, M (Lab) Riaz, M (C) Wright, H (LD)

BRAINTREE

Boundary Change Electorate 72,772

Newton, A H (C) Hurst. A (Lab)

Electorate 52,142 Evans. J P (C)

Phillips. L (Ref)

Mann, CJ (Lab)

Cornelius, S (PC Livsey, R A L (LD

BRENT EAST

Shanks, A (PL) Hunter, I (LD)

BRENT NORTH

Boundary Change Electorate 54,149

Boyson, Sir R (C) Gardiner, B (Lab)

BRENT SOUTH

Boundary Change Electorate 53,505

Jackson, S (C) Brazil, J (LD)

Bosteng, PY (Lab)

Boundary Change Electorate 79,085

1992 C maj: 130 (0.3%)

Boundary Change Electorate 53,548 *Livingstone, K R (Lab) François, M (C)

1992 Lab maj: 5,949 (16.3%)

Davids. A (NLP) Lorber. P (LD) 1992 C maj: 10,230 (27.1%)

Phythian, J (Ref) Ahmed, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 9,917 (26.5%)

Bradley, J (Grn) Simmerson, B (UK Ind) Ahmed, M (NLP) 1992 C maj: 1,675 (2.8%)

BRENTWOOD & ONGAR
BOUNDARY Change
Electorate 66,005
*Pickles, E J (C)
Young, M (Lab)
Bottomiey, E T (LD)
Mills, D (UK Ind)
Kilmartin, A (Ref)
1992 C maj: 15,175 (27.2%)

BRIDGEND
Electorate \$9,721
*Griffiths, W J (lab)
Davies, D T C (C)
McKiniay, A (LD)
Greaves, T (Ref)
Watkins, D (PC)
1992 Lab maj: 7,326 (15.6%)

Brentford & Isleworth

Ellis, T (LD) Abbott, J (Gm)

1992 Lab maj: 4,902 (9.3%)

Electorate 68,391 *Sutcliffe, G (Lab)

BRADFORD NORTH

Hilliar A (LD)

1992 C maj: 11,717 (25.1%)

Mills, R (Ref)

BRACKNELL

*Tredinnick, DAS(C)

BOSWORTH

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Asterisk denotes MP seeking re-election.

BIRMINGHAM PERRY BARR Boundary Change Electorate 71,031 *Rooker, J W (Lab) Dunnett, A (C) Hassall, R (LD) Baxter, A (Lib) Mahmood, S (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 7,729 (14.5%) BIRMINGHAM SELLY OAK Electorate 72,049 *Jones, L.M (Lab)

Green, G (C)
Osborne, D (LD)
Meads, H (NLP)
Gardner, G (PL)
Marshall, L (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 2,060 (3.7%) BIRMINGHAM YARDLEY Electorate 53,058 Morris, Ms E (Lab)

Jobson, A (C)
Hemming, J A M (LD)
Livingston, D (Ref)
Ware, A (UK Ind)
1992 Lab maj: 162 (0.4%) BISHOP AUCKLAND Boundary Change Electorate 66,754 *Foster, D (Lab) Fergus, J (C) Ashworth, L (LD)

Blacker, D (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 7,716 (14.8%) BLABY Boundary Change Electorate 70,471 Robathan. A R G (C) Wilmott, R (Lab) Welsh. G (LD) Harrison, R (Ref)

1992 C maj: 19.669 (35.0%) BLACKBURN Electorate 73,058 *Straw, J W (Lab) Fenn. S (LD) Field, R (Grn) Bradshaw, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 6,027 (11.0%)

BLACKPOOL NORTH & *Elletson, H D H (C) Humble Schofield, P (Loony)

1992 C maj: 7,276 (12.1%) BLACKPOOL SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 75,720 Booth, G R (C) Marsden, G (Lab) Holt, Mrs D (LD) Cato M (LOONY)

1992 C maj: 394 (0.7%) BLAENAU GWENT Electorate 54,800 Williams, M (C) Layton, G (LD) Criddle, J (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 30,067 (69,2%)

BLAYDON Electorate 64,699 McWilliam, J D (Lab) Watson, M (C) Maughan, P (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 13,343 (26.0%)

BLYTH VALLEY Electorate 61,761 *Campbell, R (Lab) Lamb, A (LD) Musgrave, B (C) 1992 Lab maj: 8,044 (16.3%)

BOGNOR REGIS & LITTLEHAMPTON Boundary Change Electorate 66,480

Stride, G (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 15,007 (30.1%) BOLSOVER BOLSOVER
Boundary Change
Electorate 66.476
*Skinner, DE (Lab)
Harwood, R (C) Cox, I (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 20,679 (39.2%)

BOLTON NORTH EAST Boundary Change Piectorate 67,930 Electorate of, 930 Crausby, D A (Lab) Wilson, R (C) Critchley, E (LD) Staniforth, D (Ref) Tong P (NLP) 1992 Leb may: 3,017 (5.4%)

BOLTON SOUTH EAST Bosindiby Change Electorate 66,459 Iddim, B (Lab) Harsiwiza, F(LD) Harsiwiza, F(LD) Walch, L(NLP) Pickering, W (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 12,671 (25.6%) **BOLTON WEST**

BOLIUN WEST Boundary Change Electorate 63,535 *Sackville, T G (C) Kelly, R (Lab) Ronson, B (LD) Jump, H (NLP) Franki-Slater, G (Ref) 1992 C maj: 4,281 (8,2%) BOOTLE Boundary Change Electorate 57,284

Mathews, R (C) 1992 Lab maj: 27,120 (62.4%) *King, T J (C) Lavers, R (Lab) Hoban, M (LD) Evens, F (Ref) 1992 C maj: 9,716 (17.1%)

BRIGG & GOOLE Boundary Change Electorate 63,648 Stewart, D M (C) 1992 C maj: 7,241 (14.2%)

BRIGHTON KEMPTOWN Boundary Change Electorate 65,147 *Bowden, Sir A (C)
Turner, D (Lab)
Gray, C (LD)
Bowler, J (NLP)
Inman, D (Ref)
Newman, L (Loony) 1992 C maj: 10.257 (20.2%)

BRIGHTON PAVILION Boundary Change Electorate 66.431 *Spencer, StrD (C) Blanshard, K C (LD) Lepper, D (Lab & Co-op) West, P (Grn) Stocken, P (Ref) Stevens, F (UK Ind) Draycott, C (NLP) 1992 C maj: 2,530 (5.1%)

BRISTOL EAST Boundary Change Electorate 68,990 *Corston, J A (Lab) Vaizey, E (C)
McLaggan, J (NLP)
Philp, G (Ref)
Tyzack, P (LD)
1992 Lab maj: 5,282 (9.7%)

BRISTOL NORTH WEST Boundary Change Electorate 75,009 *Stern, M C (C)
Naysmith, J D (Lab & Co-op)
Parry, I (LD)
Leighton, T (NLP)
Quintanilla, J (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 3,871 (6.5%) **BRISTOL SOUTH** Boundary Change Electorate 72,393 Primarolo, D (Lab) Roe, M (C) Williams, S (LD) Boxall, J (Grn) Guy, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 8,115 (14.1%)

BRISTOLWEST Boundary Change Electorate 84,870 waldegrave, W A (C)
Boney, C R (LD)
Davey, V (Lab)
Quinnell, J (Grn) Beauchamp, (Ref) Brierley, J (NLP) 1992 C maj: 9,494 (16.0%)

BROMLEY & CHISLEHURST Boundary Change Electorate 71,104 *Forth, M E (C) Booth, P (LD) Yeldham, R (Lab) 1992 C maj: 25,658 (44.1%)

BROMSGROVE Boundary Change Electorate 67,744 Kirkbride, J (C) McDonald, P (Lab) Davy, J (LD) Winsor, D (Ref) Wetton, B (UK Ind)

1992 C m BROXBOURNE Boundary Change Electorate 66,720 *ROP. M A (C) Coleman, B (Lab) Davies, J M (LD) Miliward, D (Ref) 1992 C maj: 21,350 (40.9%)

BROXTOWE Boundary Change Electorate 74,144 Lester, SIrJ T (C) Palmer, N (Lab) Miller, T (LD) Tucker, R (Ref)

1992 C ma): 9,871 (16.2%) BUCKINGHAM Boundary Change Electorate 62,945 Stuart, N (LD) Lehmann. R (Lab) Clements, G (NLP) 1992 C maj: 20,644 (41.4%)

BURNLEY Electorate 67,585 *Pike. P L (Lab) Oakiey, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 11,491 (22,4%)

BURTON Electorate 72,601 Lawrence, I J (C) Dean, J (Lab) Fletcher, D (LD) 1992 C maj: 4,127 (7.0%)

BURY NORTH Electorate 70,515
Burt, AJ H (C)
Chaytor, D M (Lab) 1992 C maj: 4.764 (8.1%)

BURY SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 66,568 "Sumberg, D A G (C) Lewis, 1 (Lab) D'Albert, V (LD) Slater, B (Ref) 1992 C maj: 728 (1.3%)

BURY ST EDMUNDS BURY ST EDMUNDS
Boundary Change
Electorate 74.017
Ruffley, D (C)
Cooper, D A (LD)
Ereira, M (Lab)
Lillis, J (NLP)
McWhirter, I (Ref)
1992 C maj: 10,645 (19.0%)

CAERNARFON Electorate 46.815 Wigley, DW (PC) Williams, E (C) Williams, E (Lab) MacQueen, M (LD) Collins, C (Ref) 1992 PC maj: 14.476 (39.9%)

CAERPHILLY Electorate 64,621
Davies, R (Lab)
Harris, R (C) whittle, LG (PC) Ferguson, A (LD) Williams, C (PL) Morgan, M (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 22.672 (45.5%)

CAITHNESS, SUNDERLAND & EASTER ROSS Boundary Change Electorate 41,566 Maclennan, RAR (LD) Miers, T (C) Harper, E (SNP) Hendry, J (Lab) Ryder, Ms C (Ref) Cart, M (UK Ind) Martin, J (Grn)

1992 LD maj: 6,759 (22.8%) CALDER VALLEY Boundary Change Electorate 74,901 Electorate 74,901

*Thompson, Sir D (C)
McCafferty, C (Lab)
Pearson, S (LD)
Smith, V (Gm)
Mellor, A (Ref)
1992 C mpl: 4 978 fg (19

1992 C maj: 4.878 (8.0%) CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM Boundary Change Electorate 50.214 *Harman, Ms H (Lab) Humphreys, K (C) Williams, N (LD) Williams, G (Lib) Ansong, P F (NLP) China, N (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 12,050 (36.6%) CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGE Electorate 71,669 *Campbell, A (Lab) Plan, D (C) Heathcock, G (LD) Wright, M (Grn) Johnstone, A (PL) Burrows, W (Ref)

Gladwin, P (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 580 (1.1%) CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 76,056 *Moss, M D (C) Leighton, L (NLP) Bucknor, V (Lab)

Bacon, M (Ref) Nash, A (LD) 1992 C maj: 13,161 (22,6%) CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH WEST
Boundary Change
Electorate 65,791
*Mawhinney, B S (C)
Steptoe, L (Lab)
Watt, S (Ref)
McCoy, B (LD)
LD02 C mai: 18,809 (3

1992 C maj: 18,809 (36.5%) CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 69,850 Lansley, A (C)
Quinlan, J (LD)
Gray, A (Lab)
Chalmers, F (NLP)
Page, R (Ref)
Norman, D (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 18,938 (33.7%) CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH EAST Boundary Change Electorate 75,666 Electorate 13,000
*Paice, J E T (C)
Brinton, S (LD)
Coilinson, R (Lab)
While, P (NLP)
Howlett, J (Ref)
Coghill, C (Loony)

1992 C maj: 20,863 (36.3%) CANNOCK CHASE Boundary Change Electorate 72,362 "Wright, A W (Lab) Backhouse, I (C) Sanders, D (LD) Hartshorn, M (Loony)

Froggatt, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 6,469 (10.8%) CANTERBURY Boundary Change Electorate 74,548 *Brazier, JWH (C) Vye, M (LD) Hall, C (Lab) Meaden, G (GIII) Osborne, J (Ref) Moore, J (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 9.997 (17.8%) CARDIFF CENTRAL Electorate 60,354 "Owen Jones, J (Lab & Co-op)

Melding, D (C) James, C (Loony) Vernon, W (PC) Hobbs, A (NLP) Lloyd, N (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 3.465 (8.1%) CARDIFF NORTH

•Jones. G H (C) Morgan, J (Lab) Rowland, R (LD) Litchfield, E (Ref) Palfrey, C (PC) 1992 C maj: 2,969 (6,2%) CARDIFF SOUTH & PENARTH

"Michael, A E (Lab & Co-op) Wakefield, S (LD) Caves, B (NLP) Haswell, D B (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 10,425 (21.9%)

CARDIFF WEST Boundary Change Electorate 58,198 *Morgan, H R (Lab) Hoare, S (C) Johns, T (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 9,291 (20.3%)

CARLISLE

Boundary Change Electorate 59,197 Martlew, E A (Lab) Lawrence, R (C) Fraser, A (Ref) Stevens, W (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 1,921 (4.0%) CARMARTHEN EAST & DINEFWR Boundary Change Electorate 53,079 Williams, A W (Lab) Glyn Thomas, R (PC) Humphreys-Evans. I (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 5,490 (12.4%)

CARMARTHEN WEST & PEMBROKESHIRE SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 55,724 *Ainger, N R (Lab) Williams, O J (C) Lieweilyn, D J R (PC) Evans, K (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 1,310 (3.0%)

CARRICK, CUMNOCK & Boundary Change Electorate 65.593 Foulkes. G (Lab & Co-op) Young, D (LD) Marshall, A (C) Hutchison, C (SNP) 1992 Lab maj: 14,686 (28.4%)

CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON Electorate 66,038 *Forman, FN (C) Brake, T A (LD) Theobald, A (Lab) Hickson, P (Grn) Povey, L (UK Ind) Storey, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 9,943 (18.8%)

CASTLE POINT Electorate 67,146 *Spink, R M (C)
Butler, C (Lab & Co-op)
Baker, D (LD)
Maulkin, H (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16,830 (31.6%)

CEREDIGION Boundary Change Electorate 54.378 Paris, C G (PC)
Davies, D (LD)
Aubel, F F E (C)
Harris, R (Lab)
Leaney, J (Ref)
1992 PC maj: 1,893 (4.5%)

CHARNWOOD Boundary Change Electorate 72,692 *Dorrell, S J (C) Knaggs, D J (Lab) Wilson, R (LD) Meechan, H (Ref) 1992 C maj: 22,600 (39.0%)

CHATHAM & AYLESFORD Boundary Change Electorate 69,172 Knox-Johnston, R (C) Shaw, J (Lab) Murray, R (LD) Martel, T (NLP) Riddle, K (Ref)

1992 C maj: 13,423 (24.5%) CHEADLE Boundary Change Electorate 67.627 *Day, S R (C) Calton, P (LD) Diggett, P (Lab) Brook, P (Ref) Harriss, A (PL)

1992 C maj: 15,976 (28.1%) CHELMSFORD WEST Boundary Change Electorate 76,086 *Burns, S H M (C)
Bracken, M (LD)
Chad, R K (Lab)
Smith, T (Ref)
Levin, M (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 16.186 (25.9%) CHELTENHAM Boundary Change Electorate 67,950 *Jones, N D (LD) Todman, J (C) Cook, G (UK Ind)

1992 LD maj: 1,647 (2.9%) CHESHAM & AMERSHAM Boundary Change Electorate 69,244 edition of CUK ind)
Electorate of 244
Gillan, Mrs C E K (C)
Brand, M (LD)
Farrelly, P (Lab)
Andrews, P (Ref)
Shilson, C (UK ind)

1992 C maj: 21,601 (38.9%) CHESTER, CTTY OF Boundary Change Electorate 71,730 *Brandreth, G D (C) Russell, C (Lab) Simpson, D (LD) Sanderson, I (Loony) Mullen, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 2,360 (4.1%)

CHESTERFIELD Electorate 72,472 *Benn. A N W (Lab) Rogers, A H (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 6.414 (11.5%) CHICHESTER Boundary Change Electorate 74,489 Tyrie, A (C)
Gardiner. P (LD)
Emerson. A (Lab)
Denny. D (Ref)
Rix. J (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 19.281 (32.7%)

CHINGFORD & WOODFORD GREEN Boundary Change Electorate 62.904 *Duncan-Smith, G I (C) Hutchinson, T (Lab) 1992 C maj: 20.201 (40.5%)

CHIPPING BARNET Boundary Change Electorate 69,049 Chapman, Sir S B (C) Cooke, G (Lab) Hooker, S (LD) Scalian, B (PL) Ribekow, V (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16.213 (30.3%)

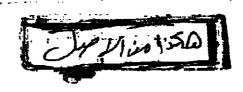
CHORLEY Boundary Change Electorate 74,387 Dover. D R (C) Hoyle, L (Lab) Leadbetter, P (NLP) Heaton, C (Ref) 1992 C maj: 2,524 (4.2%) CHRISTCHURCH

Boundary Change Electorate 71,488
*Maddock, Ms D (LD)
Chope, C R (C) pencer, R (Ref) Mannan, C (Lab) Dickinson, R (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 22,324 (40.4%)

CITIES OF LONDON & WESTMINSTER Boundary Change Electorate 69,047 *Brooke, P L (C) Green. K (Lab) Dumigan. M (LD) Johnson, R (NLP) Walters, SirA l a n (Ref)

CLEETHORPES Boundary Change Electorate 68.763 Brown, M R (C) McIsaac, S (Lab) Berry, J (Ref) Meiton, K (LD) 1992 C maj: 6,413 (12.0%)

CLWYD SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 53,495 "Jones, M (Lab) Johnson, B (C) Chadwick, A (LD) Lewis, A (Ref) Williams, G V (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 8,332 (19.5%)



LWYD WEST Soundary Change Electorate 53,467 Richards, R (C) homas, G (Lab) Villiams, W G (LD) Villiams, E (PC) :ollins, Ms H (Ref) 992 C maj: 7,313 (17.6%)

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LYDEBANK & MILNGAVIE lectorate 52,092 Worthington, A (Lab) Aorgan, N (C) 'ulli, J (SNP) Aoody, K (LD) anderson, i (Ref)

. 992 Lab maj: 11,420 (28.8%) LYDESDALE lectorate 63,428 Hood, J (Lab) zatt, M (C) Frieve, S (LD) Doig, A (SNP) Sarnett, G (NLP) 992 Lab maj: 10,187 (21.2%)

CATBRIDGE & CHRYSTON Soundary Change Lectorate 52,024 Clarke, T (Lab) lugent, B (SNP) Vauchope, A (C) Daly, M (LD) owsley, B (Ref) lenderson, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 18,100 (45.0%) **OLCHESTER**

Rectorate 74,743 hakespeare, S (C) tussell, R E (LD) Green, R (Lab) Hazell, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 5,268 (9,3%) COLNE VALLEY
Electorate 73,338

Riddick, G E G (C) dountford, K (Lab) riestley, N J (LD)
Cooper, A (Grn)
traniforth, M (Loony)
Junn, J (UK Ind) 992 C maj: 7.225 (12.2%) CONGLETON

Joundary Change Electorate 68,873 Winterton, J A (C) icholey, H (Lab) Valmsley, J (LD) ockett. J (UK Ind) 992 C maj: 9,350 (16.8%) YWNO: Electorate 55,092

ones, D I (C) toberts, J R (LD) Villiams. B H (Lab) iughes. D (NLP) Barham, A (Ref) 1992 C maj: 995 (2.4%) COPELAND Electorate 54,263 Cunningham, J A (Lab) Jumpsty, A (C)
Putnam, R (LD)

ohnston, C (Ref) Ianratty, G (PL) 992 Lab maj: 2,439 (5.3%) ORBY Electorate 69,252 Powell, W R (C) Tope, P (Lab & Co-op) -tankinson, I (LD)

tiley-Smith, S (Ref) Jillman, I (UK Ind) ORNWALL NORTH lectorate 80,076 Tyler, P A (LD) inacre, N (C) indo, A (Lab) Vinfield, R (Lib) Idam F (Ref)

992 LD maj: 1,921 (3,1%): ::: ORNWALL SOUTH EAST jehtfoot, W (C) Cirk, D (Lab) Veights, W (Lib) Vergnis, w (110) Vonnacott, J (UK Ind) 992 C maj: 7,704 (12.8%)

CLIOWSTO: Soundary Change Electorate 67.333 Clifton-Brown, G R (C) Jayler, D (LD) owe, R (Ref) Frighouse, H (NLP) Gichael, V (Grn) 1992 C maj: 11,017 (21.0%)

OVENTRY NORTH EAST Soundary Change Electorate 74,274 Ainsworth, R W (Lab) surnett, M (C) sewards, G (LD) frown, N (Lib) furrell, R (Ref) 992 Lab maj: 12,229 (21.6%)

:OVENTRY NORTH WEST Soundary Change Sectorate 76,439 Robinson, G (Lab) sartlen, P (C) 'enlington, N (LD) Penington, N (LD)
Vheway, R (Lib)
Hills, P (PL)
Surier, D (Ref)
992 Lab maj: 8,658 (14.3%)

OVENTRY SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 71,826 Cunningham, J D (Lab) vey, P(C) enking, R(Lib) dacdonald, G(LD) Farratt, P (Ref) 992 C maj: 2,904 (5.1%)

:RAWLEY Boundary Change lectorate 69,040 rabb, J (C) Aoffatt, L (Lab) radshaw, R (NLP) Valters, R (Ref) launders, E (UK Ind) 992 C maj: 1,890 (3.7%)

REWE & NANTWICH Boundary Change Sectorate 68,694 Dunwoody, G (Lab) overidge, M (C) cannon, D (LD) stbury, P (Ref) 992 Lab maj: 4,871 (8.7%)

ROSBY MANUAL STATES **Coundary Change** lectorate 57,190 Thornton, Sir G M (C) Curtis-Tansley, C (Lab) vicvey, P (LD) lite, W (NLP) viarks, J (Lib) Jauld, J (Ref) .992 C maj: 9,591 (20.0%)

ROYDON CENTRAL Soundary Change Electorate 80,152 Congdon, D L (C) Davies, G R (Lab) ichlich, G (LD) Cook, C (Ref) samsley, S (Grn) .992 C maj: 14,661 (24.0%) ROYDON NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 77,063 Wicks, M H (Lab) Martin, I (C) Morris, M (LD)

elsenberger, J (UK Ind) 992 C maj: 163 (0.3%)

Illis, R (Ref)

CROYDON SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 73,787 *Onaway, R G J (C) Gauge, S (LD) Burling, C (Lab) Harker, A (UK Ind) Barber, A (Ref)

1992 C maj: 23,338 (40.0%) CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH Electorate 48,032 McKenna, R (Lab) Barrie, C (SNP) Sewell, I (C)
Biggam, J (LD)
Cook, Ms P (Ref)
Mair, P (NLP) Kara, J (PL)

1992 Lab maj: 9,215 (25.1%) CUNNINGHAME NORTH *Wilson, B D H (Lab) Mitchell, M (C) Nicoll, K (SNP) Freel, K (LD) Winton, I (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 2,939 (6,9%) CUNNINGHAME SOUTH

Electorate 49,543
*Donohoe. B H (Lab)
Burgess, M (SNP)
Paterson, P (C)
Watson, E (LD) Matthew, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 10,680 (28.7%) CYNON VALLEY Electorate 48,286

*Clwyd, A (Lab) Smith, A (C) Davies, A (PC) Price, H (LD) John, G (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 21,364 (56.2%)

DAGENHAM Boundary Change Electorate 58,573 Church, J A (Lab) Fairtle, J (C) Dabrashian, T (LD) Goble, C (PL) Kraft, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 6,447 (14.8%) DARLINGTON

Electorate 65, 140 *Milburn, A (Lab) Scrope, P (C) Boxell, L (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 2,798 (5.1%) DARTFORD

Boundary Change Electorate 69.726 *Dunn, R J (C) Stoate, H J A (Lab) Webb, D (LD) 1992 C maj: 8,314 (14.7%) DAVENTRY Boundary Change Electorate 80,151

*Boswell, T E (C) Ritchie, K (Lab) John, G (LD) France, R (NLP) Russocki, B (Ref) Mahoney, B (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 21,011 (33.9%)

DELYN Boundary Change Electorate 53,693 *Hanson, D G (Lab) Lumley, K E (C) Lloyd, P (LD) Soutter, Ms E (Ref) Drake, A J (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 3,178 (7.2%)

DENTON & REDDISH Boundary Change Electorate 68,866 *Bennett, A F (Lab) Nutt, B (C) Donaldson, I (LD) 1992 Lab mai: 10,154 (19.1%) DERBY NORTH

*Knight, G (C)
Laxton, R (Lab)
Reynolds, P (Ref)
Charlesworth, R A (LD) 1992 C maj: 4,453 (7.5%)

DERBY SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 76,386 Beckett, M M (Lab) Arain, J (C) Beckett, J W R (LD) Berenyi, A (Loony)
Waters, J (PL)
Browne, J K (Ref)
Crompton, I (UK Ind)

1992 Lab maj: 4,227 (7.4%) DERBYSHIRE NORTH EAST Electorate 71,653
*Barnes, H (Lab) Elliott, S (C) Hardy, S (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 6,270 (10.6%) DERBYSHIRE SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 76,672 *Currie, E (C) Todd, M W (Lab) Renold, R (LD) North, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 1,947 (3.1%)

DERBYSHIRE WEST Boundary Change Electorate 72,716 *McLoughlin, P A (C) Seeley, C (LD) Clamp, S J (Lab) Price, H (UK Ind) Gouriet J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 18,120 (30.7%)

DEVIZES Boundary Change Electorate 80,383 *Ancram, M A F J K (C)
Vickers, A (LD)
Jeffrey, F (Lab)
Goldsmith, J (Ref) Oram, S (UK Ind) Haysom, S (NLP) 1992 C maj: 13,019 (20.5%)

DEVON EAST Boundary Change Electorate 69,094 *Emery, StrP (C) Trethewey, R (LD) Siantonas, A (Lab) Dixon, W (Ref) Giffard, C (UK Ind) Hallwell, G (Lib) 1992 C maj: 13,993 (25.4%)

DEVON NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 70,350 *Harvey, N B (LD) Brenton, A (Lab) Langmead, T (Loony) 1992 LD maj: 793 (1.4%) DEVON SOUTH WEST Boundary Change Electorate 69,293 *Streeter, G N (C) Baldry, K (LD) Mavin, C (Lab) Sadler, R (Ref)

King, H (UK Ind) Hyde, J (NLP) 1992 C maj: 17,130 (32.1%) DEVON WEST & TORRIDGE **Boundary Change** Electorate 75,919 Liddell-Grainger, I (C) Burnett, J (LD)
Brenton, D G (Lab)
Pithouse, M (Lib) Lea, R (Ref) Jackson, M J (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 3,271 (5.4%)

DEWSBURY Boundary Change Electorate 61,523 *Taylor, W A (Lab) McCormick, P (C) Hill, K (LD) McCourtle, I (Grn) 1992 Lab maj: 3,549 (7.2%)

DON VALLEY **Boundary Change** Electorate 65,643 Flint, C (Lab) Gledhill, C H (C) Johnston, P (LD) Platt S (Grm) Perrott, M (PL) Davies, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 7,119 (13.8%) DONCASTER CENTRAL

Winterton, R (Lab) Turtle, D (C)
Tarry, \$ (LD)
Redden, J (PL) Cliff, M (Ref)
Davies, P (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 10,682 (20.9%) DONCASTER NORTH

Boundary Change Electorate 63,019 *Hughes, K (Lab) Kennerley, P (C) Thornton, R (Ref) Cook, M (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 19,141 (42.1%) DORSET MID & POOLE

Boundary Change Electorate 67,049 Fraser, C J (C) Leaman, A (LD) Collis, D (Lab) Nabarro, D (Ref) 1992 C maj: 6,054 (12,1%) DORSET NORTH

NORTH

Boundary Change Electorate 68,923 Walter, R (C) Yates, P.G (LD) Fitzmaurice, J.F (Lab) Evans, M (Ref) Wheeler, D (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 10,071 (19.1%) DORSET SOUTH

Boundary Change Electorate 66,318 *Bruce, I C (C) Plummer, M (LD) Knight, J (Lab) McAndrew, P (Ref) Shakesby, M (UK Ind) Napper, G (NLP) 1992 C maj: 12,617 (24.3%) DORSET WEST

Boundary Change Electorate 70,369 Letwin, O (C)
Legg, R A S (LD)
Bygrave, R (Lab)
Griffiths, M (NLP) Jenkins, P (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 8,011 (14.7%)

DOVER Boundary Change Electorate 68,669 *Shaw, D L (C) Prosser, G M (Lab) Corney, M (LD) Hyde, C (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 860 (1.5%)

DOWN NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 63,010 *McCartney, R L (UKU)
Fee, L (C)
Napier, Sir O (All)
Farrell, M (SDLP) McFarland, A (UU) Mullins, T (NLP) 1992 UPUP maj: 2,265 (6.0%) DOWN SOUTH

Boundary Change Electorate 69,855 *McGrady, E K (SDLP) Nesbitt D (111) Murphy, M (SF) Crozier, J (All) O'Leary, D (NLP) 1992 SDLP maj: 10,877 (20.8%)

DUDLEY NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 68,835 Cranston, R (Lab) Macnamara, C (C) Lewis, G (LD) Bavester, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 954 (1.8%)

DUDLEY SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 66,731 Pearson, i P (Lab) Simpson, M (C) Burt, R (LD) Birch, C (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 2,729 (5.1%)

DULWICH AND WEST NORWOOD
Boundary Change
Electorate 69,655
*Jowell, T J H D (Lab)
Gough, R (C) Kramer, S (LD) Goldle, A (Llb) Coles, B (Ref) Pike, E (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 1,803 (3.5%)

DUMBARTON Electorate 56.229 *McFall, J (Lab & Co-op) Reid, A (LD)
Ramsay, P (C)
Mackechnie, W (SNP)
Dempster, G (Ref)
McKillop, J (NLP) Lancaster, R (UK Ind)

1992 Lab maj: 6,129 (13.9%) DUMFRIES Boundary Change Electorate 62,759 Stevenson, S J S (C) Brown, R (Lab) Wallace, N C (LD) Higgins, R (SNP) Parker, D (Ref) Hunter, E (NLP) 1992 C maj: 6,766 (13.5%)

DUNDEE EAST Boundary Change Electorate 58.388 "McAllion, J (Lab) Robison, S (SNP) Saluja, G (LD) Mackie. B (C)
Galloway. E (Ref)
MacKenzie. S (NLP)
1992 Lab maj: 5,517 (12.3%)

DUNDEE WEST Boundary Change Electorate 57,346 *Ross, E (Lab) Dorward, J (SNP) Powrie, N (C) Dick, E (LD) Macmillan, J (Ref) Kennedy, H (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 9,464 (23.1%)

DUNFERMLINE EAST Boundary Change Electorate 52,072 *Brown, J G (Lab) Mitchell, I (C) Ramage, J (SNP) Toison, J (LD) Dunsmore, T (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 17.755 (46.6%) DUNFERMLINE WEST

Boundary Change Electorate 52,467 Squire, R (Lab) Newton, K (C) Harris, E.B.A (LD) 1992 Lab mai: 7,184 (18.5%)

DURHAM NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 67,891 "Radice, G H (Lab) Hardy, M (C) Moore, B (LO) Parkin, I (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 17,764 (35.0%)

DURHAM NORTH WEST Electorate 67,156 *Armstrong, H J (Lab) St John Howe, L (C) Gillings, A T (LD) Alkinson, R ikef 1992 Lab maj: 15,666 (30.7%)

DURHAM, CITY OF Electorate 69,340 *Steinberg, G N (Lab) Chalk, R (C) Martin, N (LD) Kember, P (NLP) Robson, M (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 15,058 (29.6%)

EALING NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 78, 144 *Greenway, H (C) Pound, S (Lab) Gupta, A (LD) Slebe, A (GIN) Slysz, G (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 9,075 (15.6%)

EALING ACTON & SHEPHERD'S BUSH Boundary Change Electorate 72,078 *Soley, C S (Lab) Yerolemou, B (C) Mitchell, A (LD) Winn, C (Ref) Gomm, J (UK Ind) Turner, K (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 3,471 (7.0%)

EALING SOUTHALL Boundary Change Electorate 81,704 *Khabra, P (Lab) Penrose, J (C) Thomson, N (LD) Klepacka, K (PL) Goodwin, N (Grn) Mead, R (UK Ind) Cherry, B (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 5,031 (9.0%)

EASINGTON Electorate 62,518 *Cummings, J S (Lab) Hollands, J (C) Heppel, J (LD) Puifrey, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 26,391 (56.0%) EAST HAM

Boundary Change Electorate 65,591 Timms, S C (Lab) Bray, A (C) Sole, M (LD) McCann. J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 9,461 (22.0%) EAST KILBRIDE

Boundary Chang Electorate 65,229 Ingram, A P (Lab) Gebbie, G (SNP) Herbertson, C (C Philbrick, K (LD) Gray, Ms J (Ref) Deigham, J (PL) Gilmour, E (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 11,940 (23.8%)

EAST LOTHIAN Boundary Change Electorate 57,441 Home Robertson, J D (Lab) Fraser, M (C) MacAskill, A (LD) McCarthy, D (SNP) Nash, N (Ref) Calligaro, R (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 7,099 (15.3%)

EASTBOURNE Boundary Change Electorate 72,347 *Waterson, N C (C) Berry, C J (LD) Lines, D (Lab) Grenville, M (NLP) Williamson, T (Lib) Dawkins, J (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 6,809 (11.8%)

EASTLEIGH Boundary Change Electorate 72,155 *Chidgey, D W G (LD) Reid, S H (C) Eldridge, V (Ref) Lloyd, A (Lab) Robinson, P (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 11,912 (21.2%)

EASTWOOD Boundary Chang Electorate 66.697 Cullen, P B (C) Murphy, J (Lab) Yates, D (SNP) Tayan, M (PL) Sutherland, R (NLP) McPherson, D (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 11,838 (22.5%)

ECCLES Boundary Change Electorate 69,645 Electorate 69,045 Stewart, I (Lab) Barker, G (C) Boyd, R (LD) de Roeck, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 14,230 (26.5%)

EDDISBURY Boundary Change Electorate 65,256 *Goodlad, A R (C) Hanson, M (Lab) Reaper, D (LD) Napier, N (Ref) 1992 C maj: 10,996 (21.6%)

EDINBURGH CENTRAL Boundary Change Electorate 63.695 *Darling, A M (Lab) Scott-Hayward, M D A (C) Skinner, A (Ref) Hyslop, F (SNP) Douglas-Reid, P (NLP) Hendry, L (Grn) Utting, K (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 3.757 (9.2%)

EDINBURGH EAST & MUSSLEBURGH Boundary Change Electorate 59,648 *Strang. G S (Lab) Ward, K (C) White, D (SNP) Sibbet J (Ref) Irvine, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 9,101 (20.7%)

EDINBURGH NORTH & Roundary Change Electorate 61,617 *Chisholm, M (Lab) Stewart, E (C) Campbell, H (LD) Dana, A (SNP) Graham, S (Ref) Maling, P (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 4,334 (10.1%)

EDINBURGH SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 62,467 *Griffiths, N (Lab) Smith. E (C) Pringle. M S R (LD) Pringle, T (NLP) Hargreaves, J (SNP) McLean, I (Rei) 1992 Lab maj: 4,156 (9.4%)

FELTHAM & HESTON Boundary Change Electorate 71,093 *Douglas-Hamilton, J (C) Gorrie, D C E (LD) *Keen, D A (Lab & Co-op) Penning, C (LD) Ground, P (C) Fawcett, D (NLP) Stubbs, R (Ref) Saggar, S (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 4,291 (8.3%) 1992 Lab maj: 1.400 (2.6%)

EDINBURGH WEST

Hinds, L (Lab) Sutherland, G D (SNP)

EDINBURGH PENTLANDS

McDonald, M (Ref) McConnachie, A (UK Ind)

Harper, R (Grn) 1992 C maj: 4,148 (9.0%)

Boundary Change Electorate 61,133

Coombes, P (Lib) Elphick, S (Ref)

Boundary Change Electorate 59,635

"Rifkind, M L (C)

Clark, LM (Lab)

Dawe, J (LD) Gibb, S (SNP)

Dunn, B (NLP)

EDMONTON

Electorate 63.718

Twinn, I D (C)
Love, A (Lab & Co-op)
Wiseman, A (LD)
Wright, J (Ref)
Weald, P (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 593 (1.2%)

Boundary Chang Electorate 67.573

*Miller, A P (Lab) Turnbull, L (C) Pemberton, J (LD)

Rodden, C (Ref)

Electorate 70,423

Batiste, S L (C) Burgon, C (Lab)

Jennings, B (LD) Zawadski, C (Ref)

Boundary Change Electorate 57,358

Blackwood, C (C) Efford, C (Lab) Taylor, A (LD) Middleton, H (Lib) Clark, M (Ref)

ENFIELD NORTH

Hopkins, M (LD) Ellingham, R (Ref) O'Ware, J (UK Ind)

Electorate 65,796
Portillo, M D X (C)

Luard, N (Ref) Swain, B (UK Ind)

EPPING FOREST

Boundary Change Electorate 72,795

Laing, E F (C) Murray, S W (Lab) Robinson, S (LD)

Berry, J (Ref)

Twigg, S (Lab) Browne, J (LD)

Field, M (C) Ryan, J (Lab)

ELMET

ELTHAM

ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON

1992 Lab maj: 3,233 (5.8%)

1992 C maj: 3,261 (5.6%)

1992 C maj: 1,780 (3.8%)

1992 C maj: 9,430 (18.0%)

1992 C maj: 15,545 (31.7%)

1992 C maj: 21,183 (37.2%)

Charlton, H (Gm) 1992 C maj: 22,060 (37.8%)

EPSOM AND EWELL

*Hamilton, SirA G (C)

Vincent, J (LD) Woodford, P (Lab) Weeks, K (PL) Macdonald, C (Ref)

Green, H (UK Ind)

Boundary Change

Electorate 77,402

*Knight, A A (C) Blackman, E (Lab) Garnett, M (LD)

Boundary Change Electorate 62,887

*Austin-Walker, J (Lab)

Zahawi, N (C) Grigg, A (LD) Flunder, J (Ref) Jackson, M (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 5,723 (9.0%)

ERITH & THAMESMEAD

1992 Lab maj: 5,630 (11.4%)

ESHER & WALTON
Boundary Change
Electorate 72,382
*Taylor, I C (C)
Mlles, G (LD)
Reay, J (Lab)
Collignon, B (UK Ind)
Cruickshank, A (Ref)
1992 C maj: 21,224 (38.8%)

Ransome, S (Grn) 1992 C maj: 19,250 (35.5%)

ESSEX NORTH

Boundary Change Electorate 68,008

*Jenkin, B C (C) Phillips, A (LD)

Young, T (Lab) Lord, R (UK Ind)

Boundary Change Electorate 79,154

Rogers, A (C) Bradshaw, B (Lab) Brewer, D (LD) Morrish, D (Lib)

FALKIRK EAST

Nicol, M (C) Spillane, R (LD)

FALKIRK WEST

Boundary Change Electorate 52,850

Buchanan, C (C)

Houston, D (LD)

Electorate 71,383

*Coe, S N (C) Atherton, C (Lab)

Holmes, P (Lib)

de Savary, P (Ref) Smith, R (UK Ind)

Gliner, G (Loony

Boundary Change Electorate 68,787

"Lloyd, SirP R C (C)

Markham, D (Ref)

Boundary Change Electorate 76,490

Parmenter, B (LD)

Pollard, N (NLP)

*Rowe, AJB (C) Stewart, A (Lab)

Chapman, M (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 20,099 (37.4%)

FAVERSHAM & KENT MID

Birley, R (Ref) Cunningham, M (UK Ind) Carrer, D (Gm)

Davidson, N (Loony) 1992 C maj: 19,599 (36.2%)

FAREHAM

Hill, G (LD) Prior, M (Lab)

1992 C maj: 3,267 (5.7%)

*Canavan, D A (Lab) Alexander, D (SNP)

Boundary Change Electorate 56,792 *Connarty, M (Lab) Brown, K (SNP)

Edwards, P (Gm) Haynes, C (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 3,064 (4.9%)

1992 Lab maj: 6,856 (15.8%)

1992 Lab maj: 11,430 (27.9%)

FALMOUTH & CAMBORNE

EXETER

EREWASH

Boundary Change Electorate 73,222

ENFIELD SOUTHGATE Boundary Change

TYRONE Boundary Change Electorate 64,600
*Maginnis, K (UU) Gallagher, T (SDLP) McHugh, G (SF) Gillan, S (NLP) Farry, S (All) 1992 UU maj: 14.089 (29.4%) FIFE CENTRAL

FERMANAGH & SOUTH

Boundary Change Electorate 58,315 *McLeish, H B (Lab) Marwick, T (SNP) Murray, F (C) Wilson, S (NLP) Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, J (Ref) Laird, R (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 10.991 (25.8%)

FIFE NORTH EAST Boundary Change Electorate 58,794 *Campbell, W M (LD) Bruce, A (C) Weish, C (SNP) Milne, C (Lab) Stewart, W (Ref) 1992 LD maj: 3,303 (7.9%)

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN Boundary Change Electorate 72,225
*Marshall, J L (C) Vis, R (Lab) Davies, J (LD) Shaw, G (Ref) Barraciough, D (UK Ind) Gunstock, A (Grn) 1992 C maj: 12,474 (23.9%)

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE Boundary Change Electorate 71,153 *Howard, M (C) Laws, D (LD)
Doherry, P (Lab)
Baker, J (UK Ind)
Aspinall, J V (Ref) 1992 C maj: 8,908 (17.0%)

FOREST OF DEAN Boundary Change Electorate 63,465 *Marland, P (C) Organ, D M (Lab) Lynch, A (LD) Hopkins, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 732 (1.4%) FOYLE

Boundary Change Electorate 67,620 *Hume, J (SDLP) Hay, W (DUP) McLaughlin, M (SF) Bell, E (All) Davidson, A (UU) Brennan, D (NLP) 1992 SDLP maj: 12,482 (28.6%)

FYLDE Roundary Change Electorate 71,385 Greene, W (LD) Garrett, J (Lab) Britton, D (Ref) Kerwin, T (NLP) 1992 C maj: 20,912 (39.5%)

GAINSBOROUGH Boundary Change Electorate 64,106 *Leigh, E J E (C) Taylor, N (LD) Taylor, P (Lab) 1992 C maj: 13,926 (27.6%) GALLOWAY & UPPER

Boundary Change Electorate 52,751 *Lang, I B (C)

*Lang, I B (C)

Morgan, A (SNP)

Clark, K (Lab)

McKerchar, J (LD)

Kerr, P (NLP)

Smith, J (UK Ind)

Kennedy, A (Ref)

1992 C maj: 2,400 (\$.5%)

GATESHEAD EAST & WASHINGTON WEST Boundary Change Electorate 64,144 *Quin, J G (Lab) Burns, J (C) Ord, A (LD)

Daley, M (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 14,700 (30.2%)

GEDLING Electorate 68,820 *Mitchell, AJB (C) Coaker, V (Lab) Poynter, R (LD) Connor, J D (Ref) 1992 C maj: 10,637 (18.7%)

GILLINGHAM Boundary Change Electorate 70,389 *Couchman. J R (C) Clarke, P (Lab) Clarke, P (Lab)
Sayer, R (LD)
Duguay, G (NLP)
Cann, G (Ref)
Mackinlay, C (UK Ind) Robinson, D (Loony) 1992 C maj: 15,760 (28.1%)

GLASGOW ANNIESLAND Boundary Change Electorate 52,955 *Dewar, D C (Lab) Wilson, W (SNP) Brocklehurst, A (C) McGinty, C (LD) McKay, Ms G (Ref) Dunachie, E (NLP) Milligan, A (UK Ind) Majid, A (PL) 1992 Lab maj: 13,589 (36,1%) GLASGOW BAILLIESTOWN

Boundary Change Electorate 51,152 *Wray, J (Lab) Thomson, P (SNP) Kelly, M (C) Rainger, S (LD) McClafferty, J (Ref) Whitehall, A (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 14.165 (40.6%) GLASGOW CATHCART

Boundary Change Electorate 49,312 Maxton, J A (Lab) Muir, A (C) Whitehead, M (SNP) Dick, G C (LD) Indyk, 2 (PL) Haldane, S (Ref) Hastie, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 10,552 (27.8%) **CLASGOW GOVAN**

Boundary Change Electorate 49,836 Sarwar, M (Lab) Sturgeon, N (SNP) Thomas, W (C) Stewart, R (LD) MacDonald, K (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 5.609 (15.4%) GLASGOW KELVIN

Boundary Change Electorate 57,438 *Galloway, G (Lab) White, S (SNP) Buchanan, E (LD) Grigor, R (Ref) McPhie, D (C) Stidolph, G (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 9,989 (27.6%)

GLASGOW MARYHILL Boundary Change Electorate 52,523 "Fyle, M (Lab) Wailes, J (SNP) Baldwin, S (C) Attwooll, E (LD) Paterson, R (Ref) Hanif, J (PL) 1992 Lab maj: 14,512 (43,2%) **GLASGOW POLLOK**

Boundary Change Electorate 49,284 *Davidson, I G (Lab & Co-op) Logan, D (SNP) Hamilton, E (C) Jago, D (LD) Haldane, D (Ref) GOTL M (PL) Hali, A (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 9,453 (24.9%) **GLASGOW RUTHERGLEN**

Boundary Change Electorate 50,646 *McAvoy. T M (Lab & Co-op) Brown, R (LD) Campbell Bannerman, D (C) Gray, I (SNP) Kerr, Ms J (Ref) Kennedy, G (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 13,299 (34.2%) **GLASCOW SHETTLESTON** Boundary Change Electorate 47,990

*Marshall, D (Lab) Hanif, H (SNP) Simpson, C (C) Hiles, K (LD) Montguire, T W (Ref) Gilmour, D (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 15,644 (49.3%) GLASGOW SPRINGBURN Boundary Change Electorate 53,473 "Brady, J (SNP) Martin, M J (Lab) Holdsworth, M (C Alexander, J (LD)

Keating, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 16,197 (45.0%) GLOUCESTER Boundary Change Electorate 78,682 *French, D (C) Kingham, T (Lab) Munisamy, P (LD) Reid, A (Ref) Harris, A (UK Ind) Hamilton, M (NLP) 1992 C maj: 5,407 (8.7%)

GORDON Boundary Change Electorate 58,767 Bruce, M G (LD) Porter, M G (LLD)
Porter, J (C)
Lochhead, R (SNP)
Kirkhill, L (Lab)
Pidcock, F (Ref)
1992 C maj: 8,486 (20.8%) GOSPORT Electorate 68,830 (69,859)

*Viggers, PJ (C) Hogg, S (LD) Gray, I (Lab) Blowers, A (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16,318 (30.5%) GOWER Electorate 57,691 Caton, M (Lab) Caims, A (C) Evans, H (LD)

Williams, E (PC) Thomas, R (Loony) 1992 Lab maj: 7,048 (15.0%) **GRANTHAM & STAMFORD** Boundary Change Electorate 72,310 *Davies, J Q (C) Denning, P (Lab) Sellick, J (LD) Clark, R R (PL)

Clair, R R (PL) Swain, M (Ref) Charlesworth, M (UK Ind) Harper, I (NLP) 1992 C maj: 17.158 (31.8%) **GRAVESHAM** Boundary Change Electorate 69,234 *Arnold, J A (C)

Pond, C (Lab)
Canet, M (LD)
Curtis, P (Ref)
Palmer, D (NLP)
1992 C maj: 5,368 (9.2%) **GREAT GRIMSBY** Electorate 65,043 *Mitchell, A V (Lab) Godson, D (C) De Freitas, A (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 7,506 (14.8%) **GREAT YARMOUTH**

Electorate 68,625 *Canttiss, M R H (C) Wright, T (Lab) Wood, D (LD) 1992 C maj: 5,309 (10.0%) GREENOCK & INVERCLYDE Boundary Change Electorate 48,818 *Godman, N A (Lab) Swire, H (C) Goodall, B (SNP) Ackland, R (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 10,238 (26.7%) GREENWICH & WOOLWICH Boundary Change Electorate 61,352 *Raynsford, W.R. N. (Lab) Luxton, C. (LD) Mitchell, M. (C) Ellison, D. (Ref.) 1992 Lab maj: 4,473 (9.5%)

GUILDFORD Boundary Change Electorate 75,541 St Aubyn, N (C) Sharp, M L (LD) Sharp, M (LED) Burns, J (Lab) Gore, J (Ref) McWhirter, R (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 13,342 (22.5%) HACKNEY NORTH & STOKE

NEWINGTON Electorate 62,045 *Abbott, D J (Lab) Lavender, M (C)
Taylor, D (LD)
Chit Yen, C (Grn)
Maxwell, B (Ref) Goldberg, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 10,727 (30.9%) HACKNEY SOUTH & SHOREDITCH Boundary Change Electorate 61.728 *Sedgemore, B C J (Lab) O'Leary, C (C)
Pantling, M (LD) Franklin, R (Ref) Goldman, M (Comm) 1992 Lab maj: 9,003 (24.4%) HALESOWEN & ROWLEY REGIS Boundary Change Electorate 66,245 Kennedy, J (C)

1992 C maj: 125 (0.2%) HALIFAX Electorate 71,701 Mahon, A (Lab) Light, R (C) Waller, £ (LD) Whitaker, C (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 478 (0.8%) HALTEMPRICE & HOWDEN Boundary Chang Electorate 65,602 Davis, D (C) Wallis, D (LD) McManus, G (Lab)

Heal, S L (Lab)

Todd, E (LD) Weller, T (Grn)

White, P (Ref)

Strevens, B (NLP) Pearson, T (Ref)

Bloom, G (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 17,313 (34.1%)

HALTON Boundary Change Electorate 64,987 Twigg, J D (Lab) Balmer, P (C) Jones, J (LD) Proffitt, D (Lib) Atkins, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 14,937 (29.3%) HAMILTON NORTH & BELLSHILL Boundary Change Electorate 53,607 *Reid, J (Lab) Matheson, M (SNP) McIntosh, G (C) Legg, K (LD) Conn. R (Ref. 1992 Lab maj: 15,490 (38.5%) HAMILTON SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 46,562 *Robertson, G I M (Lab)

Pitts, R (LD) Kilgour, R (C) Brown, S (Ref) Gunn, C (PL) 1992 Lab maj: 12,742 (36.6%) HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM Boundary Change Electorate 78,637 Carrington, M H M (C) Sugden, A (LD) Streeter, E (Grn) Phillips, A (NLP) Defries, E (PL) Bremner, M (Ref) Roberts, G (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 7,174 (13.0%) HAMPSHIRE EAST Boundary Change Electorate 76.604 *Mates, M J (C)

Hoyle, R (Lab) Booker, R (LD) Coles, S (UK Ind) Hayter, J W (Ref) 1992 C maj: 19,657 (33.1%) HAMPSHIRE NORTH EAST Boundary Chang Electorate 69,111 *Arbuthnot, J N (C) Mann, I (LD) Dare, P (Lab) Rees, D (Ref) 1992 C maj: 20,540 (38.9%) HAMPSHIRE NORTH WEST Boundary Change Electorate 73,222 Young, SirG S K (C) Fleming, C (LD) Mumford, M (Lab) Baxter, B (Grn) Roll, T (UK Ind) Callaghan, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 17.164 (30.1%) HAMPSTEAD AND HIGHGATE Boundary Change

Electorate 64,889 *Jackson, G (Lab) Gibson, E (C) Fox, B (LD) Siddique, M (Ref) Prince, P (UK Ind) Leslie, J (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 2,477 (5.4%) HARBOROUGH Boundary Change Electorate 70,424 *Garnier, E H (C) Holden, N (Lab) Cox, M (LD) Wright, N (Ref) 1992 C maj: 10,152 (18.3%) HARLOW Boundary Change Electorate 64,072 *Hayes, JJJ (C) Rammell, W (Lab)

Spenceley, L (LD) Batten, G (UK Ind) Wells, M (Ref) 1992 C maj: 1,687 (3.2%) HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH Boundary Change Electorate 65,155 *Lamont, N S H (C) Willis, P (LD) Boyce, B (Lab) 1992 C maj: 9,211 (18.4%) HARROW EAST Boundary Change Electorate 79,846 *Dykes, H J M (C)
McNuity, A K (Lab)
Sharma, B (LD)
Casey, B (Ref)
Scolefield, A (UK Ind) Planton, A (NLP) 1992 C maj: 11,405 (19.1%) HARROW WEST Boundary Chang Electorate 72,005 *Hughes, R G (C) Thomas, G (Lab) Nandhra, P (LD) Crossman, H (Ref) 1992 C maj: 17,890 (32.7%)

*Mandelson, P B (Lab) Horsley, M (C) Clark, R (LD) Henderson, M (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 8,782 (17.0%) HARWICH Boundary Change Electorate 75,775 *Sproat, J M (C) Henderson, I (Lab) Elvin, A (LD) Titford, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 15,325 (27.0%) HASTINGS & RYE Electorate 70,388 *Lait, J (C)
Palmer, M E (LD) Foster, M (Lab)
Moor, L (NLP)
Howell, D (Loony)
McGovern, C (Ref)
Andrews, W (UK Ind)

HARTLEPOOL Electorate 67,712

1992 C maj: 6,634 (12.3%) HAVANT Boundary Change Electorate 68,420 *Willetts, D L (C) Kooner, M (LD) Armstrong, L (Lab) Green, T (Ref) 1992 C maj: 14,169 (26.8%) **HAYES & HARLINGTON** Boundary Change Electorate 56,829 Retter, A (C) McDonnell, J (Lab) Little, A (LD) Page, F N (Ref) 1992 C maj: 44 (0.1%) HAZEL GROVE Electorate 63,694

Murphy, B (C) Stunell, R A (LD) Lewis, J (Lab) Stanyer, J (Ref) Black, G (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 929 (1.7%) HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Boundary Change Electorate 71,468 *Jones, R (C) McWalter, T (Lab & Co-op) Lindsley, P (LD) Such, P (Ref) Harding, D (NLP) 1992 C maj: 10.158 (17.3%)

HEMSWORTH Boundary Change Electorate 66,964 Trickett, J H (Lab) Hazell, N (C) Kirby, M S J (LD) Irvine, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 19,801 (38.0%) HENDON Boundary Chang Electorate 76,195 *Gorst, Sir J M (C) Dismore, A (Lab) Casey, W (LD) Rabbow, S (Rel) Wright, B (ÙK Ind) 1992 C maj: 10,848 (20.1%) HENLEY Boundary Change Electorate 66.424 *Heseltine, M R D (C) Horton, T (LD)

Enright, D (Lab) Barlow, N (NLF) Sainsbury, S (Ref) 1992 C maj: 19,043 (36.1%) HEREFORD Boundary Change Electorate 69,864 Shepherd, Sir C R (C) Keetch, P (LD) Easton, C (Ref) Chappell, C (Lab)

1992 C maj: 3,154 (5.7%) HERTFORD & STORTFORD Boundary Change Electorate 71.759 *Wells, P B (C)
Wood, M (LD)
Harbourne, D (Lab)
Page Croft, H (Ref)
Smalley, B (UK Ind)
Francy, M (PL) 1992 C maj: 17,534 (31.0%) HERTFORDSHIRE NORTH Boundary Change

Electorate: 67,161 *Heald, O (C) Jarvis, S (LD) Gibbons, I (Lab HERTFORDSHIRE SOUTH WEST Boundary Change Electorate 71,671 Page, R L(C) Shaw, A (LD) Wilson, M (Lab) Milward, T (Ref) Fitzsimons, B (UK Ind) lamson C (NLP) 1992 C maj: 21.155 (36.6%)

HERTSMERE Boundary Change Electorate 68,011 *Clappison. W J (C) Kelly, B (Lab) Gray, A (LD) Kahn, N (NLP Saunders, R (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 19,066 (36.3%) НЕХНАМ Electorate 58.914

*Atkinson, P L (C) McMinn, I (Lab) Carr. P (LD) Waddell, R (Ref) Lott, D (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 13,438 (28.2%) HEYWOOD & MIDDLETON Boundary Change Electorate 73,898 Clayton, D (LD) Grigg, S (C) Dobbin, J (Lab & Co-op) Burke, P (Lib) 1992 Lab maj: 8.294 (14.9%) HIGH PEAK

Boundary Change Electorate 72,315 *Hendry, C (C) Levin, T (Lab) Hanson-Orr, C (Ref) Barber, S (LD) 1992 C maj: 4.818 (8.0%) HITCHEN & HARPENDEN Boundary Chang Electorate 67,219 *Lilley, P B (C) Cooke, D (NLP) Sanderson, R (Lab) White CJ(LL 1992 C maj: 22,636 (41.6%) HOLBORN & ST PANCRAS Boundary Change Electorate 63,037 Dobson, FG (Lab) Smlth, J L (C) McGuinness, J (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 9,787 (26.1%) HORNCHURCH *Squire, R C (C) Cryer, J (Lab) Sowerby, J (PL) Khilkoff-Boulding, R (Ref) Martins, R (LD) (992 C maj: 9,165 (19.0%) HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN Flectorate 74.537 *Roche, B M (Lab) Hart, H (C) Featherstone, L(LD)

1992 Lab maj: 5.177 (9.3%) HORSHAM Boundary Chang Electorate 75,432 Maude FAA(C) Millson, M (LD) Walsh, M (Lab) Grant, R (Ref Miller, H (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 22,691 (39.5%)

HOUGHTON & WASHINGTON Boundary Change Electorate 67,343 Kemp. F (Lab) Booth, P (C) Miller, K (LD) Joseph. J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 20,949 (45.3%) HOVE Electorate 69.016 Guy, R (C) Caplin, I (Lab) Elgood, P (LD) Field, S (Ref) Mulligan, P (Grn) Vause, J (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 12,268 (24.5%) HUDDERSFIELD Electorate 65.824 Sheerman, BJ (Lab & Co-op) Porrow, W (C) Beever, G (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 7,258 (14.8%) HULLEAST Electorate 68.733 •prescott, J L (Lab)

West, A (C)
Wastling, J (LD)
Whitley, D (NLP) Nolan, M (PL) Rogers, G (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 19,023 (39.5%) HULL NORTH Electorate 68,106 McNamara, J K (Lab) Lee, D (C) Nolan, D (LD) Brotheridge, T (NLP) Scott, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 15,384 (32.3%) HULL WEST & HESSLE Boundary Change Electorate 65,840

LAGAN VALLEY Electorate 71,225 Donaldson, J (UU) Close, S (All) Poots, E (DUP) Kelly, D (SDLP) Johnson, AA (Lab) Moore, C (C) Tress, R D (LD) Sexton, S (C) Ramsey, S (SF) Finlay, H (NLP) 1992 UU maj: 25,504 (55,1%) sate, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 9,517 (21.2%)

HUNTINGDON Boundary Change Electorate 76,094 *Major, J (C) Owen, M (LD) Reece, J (Lab) Bellamy, D (Ref) Coyne, C (UK Ind) suich. D (Loony) 1992 C maj: 21,971 (38.6%) HYNDBURN Boundary Change Electorate 66,806 Pope, G J (Lab) Britcliffe, P (C) Jones, L (LD) Conedon, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 2,031 (3.7%)

ILFORD NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 68,218 *Bendail, V W H (C) Perham, L (Lab) Dean, A (LD) 1992 C maj: 14,049 (27.9%) ILFORD SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 72,104 *Gapes, M J (Lab & Co-op)
Thome, Sir N G (C) 1992 C maj: 2,530 (4.8%) INVERNESS EAST, NAIRN & LOCHABER Boundary Change Electorate 65,701

Gallagher, S H (LD) Ewing, F S (SNP) Scanlon, M E (C) Siewart, D (Lab) Wall, W (Ref) Falconer, M (Grn) 1992 LD maj: 736 (1.6%) LPSWICH Boundary Change Flectorate 66.947 *Cann, J C (Lab) Castle, S (C) Roberts, N (LD) Kaplan, E (NLP) Agnew, T (Ref) Vinyard, W (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 335 (0.6%) ISLE OF WIGHT

Turner, A (C) Brand, P (LD) Gardiner, D (Lab) Scivier, P (Grn) Bristow, T (Ref) Turner, M (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 1,827 (2.3%) ISLINGTON NORTH Electorate 57,385 *Corbyn, J B (Lab) Fawthrop, S (C) Kempton, J (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 12,784 (33.8%) ISLINGTON SOUTH & FINSBURY

Boundary Change Electorate 55.468 *Smith, C R (Lab) Berens, D (C) Ludford, S A (LO) Quintavalle, B (PL) 1992 Lab maj: 10,551 (26.5%) ISLWYN Electorate 50,540 *Touhig, J D (Lab & Co-op) Worker, C (LD) Walters, R (C) Monaghan, S (Ref) Jones, D (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 24,728 (59.5%)

JARROW Boundary Change Electorate 63,828 Hepburn, S (Lab) Allatt, M (C) Stone, T (LD) Mailer, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 18.735 (39.1%)

KEIGHLEY *Waller, G P A (C) Cryer, A (Lab) Doyle, M (LD) Carpenter, C (Ref) 1992 C maj: 3,596 (6<u>.6%)</u> KENSINGTON & CHELSEA Boundary Change Electorate 67,786 Clark, A K M (C) Clark, A K M (c) Arkinson, R (Lab) Woodthorpe Browne, R (LD) MacLaughlin, C (Loony) Ellis-Jones, A (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 21,899 (51.5%) KETTERING Boundary Change Electorate 75,153 *Freeman, R N (C) Sawford, PA (Lab) Aron, R (LD) 1992 C maj: 12.187 (20.8%) KILMARNOCK & LOUDOUN Electorate 61,376

Browne, D (Lab) Neil, A (SNP) Taylor, D (C) Stewart, J (LD) Gilmour, W (NLP) Sneddon, W (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 6,979 (14.1%) KINGSTON & SURBITON Boundary Change Electorate 73,879 *Tracey, R P (C)
Davey, E (LD)
Griffin, S (Lab)
Burns, P (UK Ind) Tchiprout, G (Ref) 1992 C maj: 15,164 (27.1%) KINGSWOOD Boundary Change Electorate 77,026 *Berry, R L (Lab) Howard, J (C) Pinkerton, J (LO)

Harding, A (NLP) Reather, A (Ref) 1992 C maj: 3.340 (5.2%) KIRKCALDY Boundary Change Electorate 52,186 Hosie, S (SNP) Black, C (C) Mainland, J (LD) 'Moonie, L.G. (Lab & Co-op)

Baxter, V (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 8.685 (23.0%) KNOWSLEY NORTH & SEFTON EAST Boundary Change Electorate 70.918 Howarth, G E (Lab) Doran, C (C) Bamber, D (LD) 1992 (ab maj: 15,386 (27.6%) KNOWSLEY SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 70,532 *O'Hara. E (Lab)

Mainey, C (LD) Wright, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 26,135 (49.0%)

LANCASHIRE WEST Boundary Change Electorate 73,175 Pickthall, C (Lab) Varley, C (C) Wood, A (LD) Collins, J (NLP) Carter, Ms M (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 4,227 (7.1%) LANCASTER & WYRE Boundary Change Electorate 78,168

Mans, KDR(C) Dawson, T (Lab) Humberstone, J C (LD) Ivell, V (Ref) Whittaker, J (UK Ind) Barry, J (Gm) 1992 C maj: 11,284 (19,1%) LEEDS CENTRAL Boundary Chang Electorate 67,664

*Fatchett, D J (Lab) Wild, E (C) Freeman, D (LD) Coone R (PL) Myers, P (Ret) 1992 Lab maj: 18,992 (41.3%) Parrish, L (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 12,697 (29,4%)

LEEDS EAST Electorate 56,963
Mudie, G (Lab)
Emsley, J (C)
Kirk, M (LD) LEEDS NORTH EAST Electorate 63,185 *Kirkhope, T J R (C) Hamilton, F (Lab) Winlow, W (LD) Rose, I (Ref) 1992 C maj: 4.244 (8.6%) LEEDS NORTH WEST Electorate 69,972 *Nampson K (C) Best, H (Lab) Pearce, B (LD) 1992 C maj: 7,671 (15.2%)

LEEDS WEST Electorate 63.965 "Battle, J D (Lab) Whelan, J (C) Amor, N (LD) Nowosielski, N (Lib) Blackburn, D (Grn) Finley, B (Ref) Thurston, R (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 13,828 (29.0%) LEICESTER EAST Electorate 64.012 *Vaz, N K A S (Lab) Milton, S (C) Matabudul, J (LD) Ivaniw, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 11.316 (22.8%)

LEICESTER SOUTH Electorate 71,750 *Marshall, J (Lab) Heaton-Harris, C (C) Coles, B (LD) Hancock, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 9,440 (17.7%) LEICESTER WEST Electorate 64,570 Hewitt, P H (Lab) Thomas, R (C) Jones, M (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 3,978 (8.2%) LEICESTERSHIRE NORTH WEST Roundary Change Boundary Change Electorate 65,069 Goodwill, R (C) Heptinstall, S (LD) Taylor, D L (Lab & Co-op) Warret, P (Loony) Abney-Hastings, M (Ref) 1992 C maj: 866 (1.6%) LEIGH

Roundary Chang Electorate 69,908
*Cunliffe, LF (Lab) Young, E (C) Hough, P (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 16,855 (32.0%) LEOMINSTER Electorate 65,993 Temple Morris, P(C) James, T (LD) Westwood, R (Lab)

Norman, F (Grn) Chamings, R (UK Ind) Parkin, A (Ref) 1992 C maj: 14,601 (28.5%) LEWES Boundary Change Electorate 64,340 Rathbone, JR (C) Patton, M (Lab) Baker, NJ (LD) Butler, L (Ref

Harvey, J (UK Ind) Shaw, P (NLP) 1992 C maj: 6,337 (12.2%) LEWISHAM EAST Boundary Change Electorate 56,333 Prentice, BT (Lab) Hollobone, P (C Buxton, D (LD) White, P (LIb) Orury, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 1,123 (2.6%) LEWISHAM WEST Electorate 58,659
*Dowd, J P (Lab) Whelan, C (C) McGrath, K (LD)

Oram, E (Lib) Leese, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 1,809 (4.2%) LEWISHAM DEPTFORD Boundary Change Electorate 58,14 i Ruddock, J M (Lab) Kimm, I (C) Archer, R (NLP) Shepherd, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 12,421 (33.0%) LEYTON & WANSTEAD

Boundary Change Electorate 62,176 Cohen, H M (Lab) Vaudry, R (C) Duffy, S (PL) 1992 Lab mat 6.769 (14.9%) LICHIFIELD Boundary Change Electorate 62,720

Fabricant M LD (C) woodward, S (Lab) Bennion, P (LD) Seward, G (Ref) 1992 C maj: 10,590 (20.4%) LINCOLN
Boundary Change
Electorate 65,485
Merron, G (Lab)

Metrini. 4 (C)
Gabriel, L (LD)
Myers, A (NLP)
Ivory, J (Ref)
1992 Lab maj: 964 (1.9%) Boundary Change
Electorate 53,706
*Dalyell, T (Lab)
MacAskill, K W (SNP)
Kerr, T (C)
Plomer, K (Ref)
Duncan, A (LD)
Young, E (NLP)
1992 Lab maj: 7,797 (19,0%)

LIVERPOOL WAVERTREE Electorate 73,063
*Kennedy, J E (Lab) Kemp, R (LD) Maithouse, C (C) Kingsiey, R (PL) Worthington, P (Ref) McCullough, R (LIb) 1992 Lab maj: 3,380 (6.6%)

LIVERPOOL GARSTON Boundary Change Electorate 66,755 Eagle, M (Lab) Ciucas, F (LD) Copeland, G (Lib)

Dunne, F (Rei) 1992 Lab maj: 12,874 (26,1%) LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE Boundary Chang Electorate 73,429 Eliman, L (Lab & Co-op) Fraenkel, B (LD) Sparrow, D (C)
Green, D (Lib)
Gay, G (NLP)
Neilson, H (PL)
Skelly, G (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 21,016 (50.0%) LIVERPOOL WALTON Electorate 67,527

*Kiifoyie, P (Lab)

Kotecha, M (C)

Roberts, R (LD) Mearns, V (PL) Williams, H (Lib) Grundy, C (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 28,299 (59.9%) LIVERPOOL WEST DERBY Boundary Change Electorate 68.682 Wareing, R N (Lab) Hines, A (LD)

Morgan, N (C) Radford, S (Lib) Forrest, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 23,533 (49.3%) IFVINGSTON Boundary Change Electorate 60,296 *Cook, R F (Lab) Johnston, P J B (SNP) Craigle-Halkett, H (C) Hawthorn, E (LD) Campbell, H (Ref) Black, G (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 8,448 (19.9%) LIANELLI Boundary Change Electorate 58,323 *Davies, D J D (Lab) Hayes, A (C) Phillips, M (PC) Burree, N (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 17,271 (37.5%)

LONDONDERRY EAST KONDONDERRY EARGE Boundary Change Electorate 58,831 *Ross. W (UU) O'Doherty, A (SDLP) Campbell, G (DUP) Boyle, Y (All) Holmes, J (C) O'Kane, M (SF) 1002 UII mai: 16.15: 1992 UU maj: 16,153 (45.0%) LOUGHBOROUGH Boundary Change Electorate 68,945

Andrew, K (C) Brass, D (LD) Reed, A (Lab & Co-op) Gupta, R (Ref) Bigger, J (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 3,492 (7.0%) LOUTH & HORNCASTLE Boundary Change Electorate 68,824 *Tapsell, SirP (C)
Martin, F (LD)
Hough, J (Lab)
Robinson, R (Gm)
1992 C maj: 10,970 (21.0%)

MOTOM Boundary Change Electorate 61,267 *Gili, CJF (C) Huffer, TI (LD) O'Kane, N (Lab) Andrewwes, T (Grn) Preeman-Keel, E (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 12,307 (26.0%) LUTON NORTH Boundary Chang Electorate 64,618

Senior, D (C) Hookins, K (Lab) Newbound, K (LD) Brown, C (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 7,357 (14.0%) LUTON SOUTH Boundary Chang

decrorate 68.395 Bright, Sir G F J (C) Moran, M (Lab) Schelmann, M (Grn) Lawman, C (UK Ind) Jacobs, C (Ref) 1992 C maj: 532 (1.0%)

MACCLESFIELD Boundary Change Electorate 72,049 *Winterton, N R (C)
Jackson, J (Lab) Flynn, M (LD) 1992 C maj: 19,130 (33.1%) MAIDENHEAD Boundary Chang Electorate 67.302

Jones, H M (PC) Walker, S (Grn) Bufton, J (Ref) May, T M (C) Ketteringham, A T (LD) 1992 LD maj: 5,209 (15.8%) Robson, D (Lab) MORAY MUKAY
Boundary Change
Electorate 58,302
*Ewing, M A (SNF)
Findlay, A (C)
Macdonald, L (Lab)
Stor, D (L) Munkley, D (Lib) Taverner, C (Ref) Spiers, N (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 17,496 (31.7%) MAIDSTONE & THE WEALD Storr, D (LD) Boundary Change Electorate 72,466 Micklejohn, P (Ref) 1992 SNP maj: 2.927 (7.1%) MORECAMBE & LUNESDALE

Widdecombe, A N (C)
Nelson, J (LD)
Morgan, J (Lab)
Oldbury, J (NLP)
Hopkins, Ms S (Ref) Boundary Change Electorate 68,013 "Lennox-Boyd, SirM A (C) owen, R (UK Ind) Smith, G (Lab) Bracey, D (LD) Oglivie, I (Ref) 1992 C maj: 10,572 (19,8%) Kemp, P (Gm) 1992 C maj: [4,714 (25.8%) MORLEY & ROTHWELL MORLET & Boundary Change
Electorate 68,385
*Gunnell, W I (Lab)
Barraciough, A (C)
Sammon, P (PL)
Galdas, M (LD)
Mitchell-Innes, D (Ref)
1992 Lab maj: 6,320 (12,6%)

MAKERFIELD Boundary Change Electorate 67,358 McCarmey, I (lab) Winstanley, M (C) Hubbard, B (LD) seed. A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 20,147 (38.9%) MALDON & CHELMSPORD Boundary Change Electorate 66.184 Whittingdale, J F L (C)

Pooley, G (LD) Freeman, K (Lab) Overy-Owen, L (UK Ind) Burgess, E (Grn) 1992 C maj: 21,585 (41.8%) MANCHESTER CENTRAL Boundary Change Electorate 63,815 *Lloyd, A.J (Lab) McIlwaine, 5 (C) Firth, A (LD) Maxwell, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 19,428 (49.7%)

MANCHESTER BLACKLEY Boundary Change Electorate 62,227 Stringer, G (Lab) Barclay, S (C) Wheale, S (LD) Stanyer, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 15.692 (36.2%) MANCHESTER GORTON Boundary Change Electorate 64,349 Raulman, GB (Lab) Senior, G (C) Pearcey, J (LD) Hanley, K (Ref) Fitz-Gibbon, S (Grn) 1992 Lab maj: 16,270 (42.9%)

MANCHESTER WITHINGTON Boundary Change Electorate 66, 116 *Bradley, KJC (Lab) Smith. J (C) Zalzala. Y (LD) Gaskell, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 9,714 (21.4%)

MANSFIELD Electorate 67,057 "Meale, J A (Lab) Prost, T (C) Smith, P (LD) Bogusz, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 11,724 (21.3%) MEDWAY -Electorate 61.736

NEWBURY

Boundary Change

Rendel, D D (LD)

Hannon, P (Lab)

Electorate 66,686 Golding, L (Lab)

1992 C maj: 11,057 (18.8%)

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

Hayes, M (C) Studd, R (LD) Surde, K (Ref) Mountford, S (Lib) 1992 Lab maj: 9.839 (18.4%)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

1992 Lab maj: 7,888 (16.1%)

Levy, M (Comm) 1992 Lab maj: 16,045 (34,7%)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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NEWCASTLE UPON EAST & WALLSEND Boundary Change Electorate 63,272 *Brown, N H (Lab) Middleton, J (C)

Morgan, G (LD) Cossins, P (Ref)

NORTH Electorate 65,357

NEWPORT EAST

Electorate 50,997
"Howarth, A (Lab)
Evans, D (C)

Cameron, A (LD)

NEWPORT WEST

Electorate 53.914

Flynn, PP (Lab)

Wilson, S (LD) Jackson, H (PC)

Clarke, P (C)

Scargill. A (Soc Lab) 1992 Lab maj: 9,899 (23.6%)

Moelwyn Hughes, H (UK Ind)

Thompsett, C (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 7,779 (17.1%)

1992 SDLP maj: 6,810 (13.1%)

1992 C maj: 16,944 (28.5%)

Allen, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 12,445 (20.8%)

NORFOLK NORTH WEST

1992 C maj: 11,564 (18.5%)

NEWRY & ARMAGH

Boundary Change Electorate 70,652

*Mallon, S (SDLP)

Kennedy, D (UU)

McNamee, P (SF) Whitcroft, P (All)

NORFOLK MID

Boundary Change Electorate 75,311

Simpson, K (C) Zeichner, D (Lab)

Williams, AR (LD)

NORFOLK NORTH

Cullingham, M (Lab) Mills, D (NLP)

Electorate 77,083 *Bellingham, H C (C)

Turner, G (Lab)

Knowles, E (LD)

Percival, R (Ref)

NORFOLK SOUTH

Boundary Change Electorate 79,239

Electorate 77.113

Prior, D (C) Lamb, N P (LD)

Park, A (Grn) Parker, B (NLP)

Holder, N (Rei

Evans. D (NLP)

Holland, C (PC) Davis, G (Ref)

CENTRAL
Boundary Change
Electorate 69,781
*Cousins, J M (Lab)

Newmark, B (C) Berry, R (LD) Coxon, C (Ref)

Electorate 73,68

Benyon, R (C) Snook, E (Ref)

Fenner, DameP (C) Marshall-Andrews, R G (Lab) Roberts, R (LD)
Radiett S (UK Ind) Main. J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 8,786 (17.7%) MEIRIONNYDD NANT CONWY Electorate 32,345 "Liwyd, E (PC) Quin, J (C) Rees, H (Lab) Feeley, B (LD) Hodge, P (Ref) 1992 PC maj: 4.613 (17.5%)

MERIDEN Electorate 76,287 Spelman, Mrs C (C) Seymour-Smith, B (Lab) Dupont, T (LD) Gilbert, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 14,699 (24.2%) MERTHYR TYDFIL& RHYMNEY Electorate 56,507 *Rowlands, E (Lab) Anstey, D (LD) Morgan, J (C) COX, A (PC) Hutchings, R (Ref)

1992 Lab maj: 26,713 (60.3%) Henderson, DJ (Lab)
White, G (C)
Alien, P (LD)
Chipcase, D (Ref)
1992 Lab maj: 8,946 (17.6%) MIDDLESBROUGH SOUTH & CLEVELAND EAST Boundary Change Electorate 70,931 Bates, M (C) Kumar, A (Lab) Garrett, H (LD) Batchelor, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 1,401 (2.5%) MIDDLESBROUGH Boundary Change Electorate 70,481 *Bell, S (Lab) Bentham, L (C)

Charlesworth, A (LD) Edwards, R (Ref) Curry, T (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 17,119 (31.2%) MIDLOTHIAN Boundary Chang Electorate 47,552 Millar, L(SNP) Harper, A (C) Pinnock, R (LD) Docking, K (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 8,864 (24.9%) MILTON KEYNES NORTH EAST

Boundary Change Electorate 70,395 *Butler, P (C) White, B (Lab) Mabbutt GAG(LD) Francis, A (Gm) Phillips, M (Ref Simson, M (NLP) 1992 C maj: 14,176 (27.9%) MILTON KEYNES SOUTH WEST

*Legg, B C (C) Starkey, P (Lab) Jones, P (LD) Morris, T I (PL) Kelly, H (NLP) 1992 C maj: 4,687 (9.2%) MITCHAM & MORDEN Electorate 65,385 *Rumbold, DameA C R (C) McDonagh, S (Lab) Harris, N (LD) Walsh, T (Grn) Barrett, J (UK Ind)

Isaacs, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 1,734 (3.4%) MOLE VALLEY Boundary Change Electorate 69,140 *Beresford, SirP (C) Cooksey, S (LD) Payne, C (Lab) Thomas, J (NLP) Taber, N (Ref) Cameron, I (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 3,204 (6.3%)

MONTGOMERYSHIRE

MOTHERWELL & WISHAW

1992 Lab maj: 14,090 (35.1%)

Jones, T (PC) Little. F (LD) Morris, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 23,975 (52.8%)

Electorate 65,717 Levis, J (C) Dewson, G (LD) Goodfellow, A (Lab) 1992 C maj: 10,348 (19.6%)

Elliott, M A (Ref) Holmes, M (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 15.399 (30.2%)

Creedy, G (Ret) 1992 C maj: 8,229 (14.6%)

NEW POREST EAST

NEW FOREST WEST

Boundary Change Electorate 66,522

Swayne, D (C) Hale, R (LD) Griffiths, D (Lab)

NEWARK Electorate 69.763

*Alexander, RT (C)
Jones, F (Lab)
Harris, PR B (LD)

Boundary Change Electorate 65.717

Boundary Change Electorate 52,252

Roy, F (Lab) McGulgan, J (SNP)

Dickson, S (C) Mackle, A (LD)

NEATH Plectorate 55,525
Hain, P G (Lab)

Evans, D (

Electorate 42,618 Opik, L (LD)

Davies, G (C) Davies, A (Lab

MacGregor, J R R (C) Ross, J (Lab) ROSS-Wagenknecht, S (Grn) Boddy, A (UK Ind) Bateson, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16,364 (25.4%) 1992 C maj: 18,827 (32.7%) MONMOUTH *Evans, R K (C) Edwards, H W E (Lab) Cotton, A (PC)

NORFOLK SOUTH WEST Boundary Change Electorate 80,236 Heffernan, A (Lab) Buckton, D (LD) Hoare, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 17,250 (27.7%) NORMANTON

Boundary Change Electorate 62,980 O'Brien, W (Lab) Bulmer, F (C) Ridgway, D (LD) Shuttleworth, K (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 7.192 (15.5%) NORTHAMPTON NORTH

Roundary Change Electorate 73,664 *Mariow, A R (C) Keeble, S (Lab) Dunbar, L (LD) Spivack, B (NLP) Torbica, D (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 4,067 (7,2%) NORTHAMPTON SOUTH Boundary Chang Electorate 79,384 *Morris, M W L (C) Clarke, A (Lab)

Worgan, T (LD) Woollcombe, G (NLP) Petrie, C (Rel) Clark, DR (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 15,044 (25.5%) NORTHAYON Boundary Change Electorate 78,943 *Cope, Sir J A (C) Stone, R E (Lab) Webb, S (LD) Parflit, J (Ref)

1992 C maj: 10,941 (17.3%) NORWICH NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 72,521 Kinghorn, R R F (C) Gibson, I (Lab) Young, P (LD) 1992 C maj: 2,270 (3.9%) NORWICH SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 70,009

Clarke, C (Lab) Khanbal, B (C) Dunthorne, A A (LD) Holmes, A (Grn) Parsons, B (NLP) Holdsworth, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 4,350 (7,8%) NOTTINGHAM EAST Electorate 65,581
*Heppell, J (Lab)
Raca, A J (C) Raca, A J (C) Mulioy, K (LD) Brown, B (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 7,680 (16.1%) NOTTINGHAM NORTH Electorate 65,698 Fallen, G (W (Lab) Shaw, G (C) Oliver, R (LD) Neal. J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 10.743 (20.6%) NOTTINGHAM SOUTH Electorate 72,418 Kirsch, B (C)

Long, G D (LD)

Thompson, K (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 3,181 (5.9%)

NUNEATON Electorate 72,032 Olner, W J (Lab) Blunt, R (C) Cockings, R (LD) English, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 1.631 (2.7%)

OCHIL Boundary Change Electorate 56,572 "O'Nelll, M.J. (Lab) Reid, G (SNP) Hogarth, A (C) Watters, A (LD) White, D (Ref) Sullivan, M (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 7,350 (17.0%) OGMORE

OGMORE Electorate 52.078 *Powell, Sir R (Lab) Unwin, D (C) Williams, K (LD) Rogers, J (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 23,827 (56.6%) OLD BEXLEY & SIDCUP Boundary Change Electorate 68,044 *Heath, SIr E R G (C)

Justham, R (Lab) King, I (LD) Stephens, R (NLP) Reading, B (Ref) Bullen, C R (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 19,572 (35.1%) OLDHAM EAST & SADDLEWORTH Boundary Change Electorate 73,189 *Davies, C G (LD) Hudson, J (C) Woolas, P (Lab)

Findlay, D (Ref) 1992 C maj: 559 (1.0%) OLDHAM WEST & ROYSTON Boundary Change Electorare 79,203 "Meacher, M H (Lab) Lord, J (C) Lord, J (C) Cohen, H (LO) Etherden, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 5,794 (11.0%)

ORKNEY & SHETLAND Ross, W (SNP) Wharton, C (NLP) Anderson, H-V (C) Paton, J (Lab)

Adamson, F (Ref) 1992 LD maj: 5.033 (24.4%) ORPINGTON Boundary Change Electorate 78.749 "Horam, J R (C) Maines, C (LD) Polydorou, S (Lab) Almond, R (Lib) Wilton, N (PL) Clark, D (Ref)

Vero. R (Loony Carver, J B (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 17,930 (26.9%) OXFORD EAST Boundary Chang Electorate 69,33 "Smith, A D (Lab) Djanogly, J (C) Kershaw, G (LD)

Simmons, C (Gm)
Harper-Jones, D (PL)
Young, M (Ref)
Gardner, P B (UK Ind) Thompson, J (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 8,313 (16.7%) OXFORD WEST & ABINGDON Boundary Change Electorate 79,329

Electorate 79,329 Harris, E (C) Harris, E (LD) Brown, S (Lab) --Woodin, M (Grn) Wilson, A-M (NLF) Hodge, L (PL) Eustace, G (Ref) 1992 C maj: 6,222 (10.4%)

PAISLEY NORTH --**Boundary Change**Electorate 49,725 *Adams, I (Lab) Mackay, I (SNP) Brookes, K (C) Jelfs, A (LD) Matthew, E (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 10,414 (28.4%) PAISLEY SOUTH

Boundary Chan Electorate 54,040 *McMaster, G J (Lab & Co-op)
MacIntyre, R (NLP)
Martin, W (SNP)
Reid, R (C) McCardin, E (LD) (992 Lab maj: 10,469 (26.2%)

PENDLE Electorate 63,049 *Prentice. G (Lab) Midgley. J (C) Greaves, T (LD) Hockney, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 2,113 (4.0%)

PENRITH & THE BORDER Boundary Change Electorate 66,496 Maclean. D J (C) Pope. C (Ref) 1992 C maj: 15,182 (29.7%) PERTH

Electorate 60,313 Godfrey, J (C) Godfrey, J (C)
*Cunningham, R (SNP)
Alexander, D (Lab)
Brodie, C (LD)
MacAuley, R (Ref)
Glover, R (NLP)
Henderson, M M (UK Ind)
1992 C maj: 2,726 (6.1%) PETERBOROUGH Boundary Change Electorate 65,926

Foster, J R (C) Brinton, H (Lab) Howarth, D (LD) Rose, B (Loony) Brettell, C (NLP) Goldspink, S (PL) Slater. P (Ref) Linskey, J S (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 6,254 (11,7%) PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT Boundary Change Electorate 74,483 Jamieson. D C (Lab) Johnson, A (C)
Copus, R (LD)
Norsworthy, C (Ref)
Jamieson, W (Loony)
Farrand, C A (UK Ind)
1992 Lab maj: 6,766 (11.4%) PLYMOUTH SUTTON Boundary Change Electorate 70.666 Crisp. A (C) Melia, S (LD)

Meia, S (LD) Gilroy, L (Lab & Co-op) Lyons, F (NLP) Hanbury, T (Ref) Builock, R F (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 1,060 (2,0%) PONTEFRACT & CASTLEFORD Electorate 62.350 Cooper, Y (Lab) Flook, A (C) Paxton, W (LD) Wood, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 23,495 (48.9%) PONTYPRIDD Electorate 64.185 Howells, KS (Lab Cowen. J (C) Ligwelyn, O (PC) Howells, N (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 19,797 (40.5%)

Wood. J (Ref)

Griffiths, R (Co

POOLE **Boundary Change** Electorate 66.078 Syms, RAR(C) Tetlow. A(LD) White, H R (Lab) Riddington, J (Ref) Tyler, P C (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 12,981 (25.8%) POPLAR & CANNING TOWN Boundary Change Electorate 67,172 Fitzpatrick, J (Lab) Steinberg, B (C) Ludlow, J (LD) Hare, I (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 10,418 (25,5%) PORTSMOUTH NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 64,539 *Griffiths, P H S (C)
Rapson, S (Lab)
Sollist, S (LD)
Coe, P J (UK Ind)

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Eveleigh, S (Ref) 1992 C maj: 8,758 (17.5%) PORTSMOUTH SOUTH PORTSMOOTH Placetorate 80,514 Martin, D J P (C) Thompson, J (Lib) Burnett, A (Lab) Hancock, M T (LD) Treend, W (NLP) Evans, J I (UK Ind) Trim. C (Ref) 1992 C maj: 242 (0.5%) Preseli Pembrokeshire

Boundary Change Electorate 54,038 Electorate 54,088 Buckland, R J (C) Lawrence, J (Lab) Clarke, J (LD) Lloyd Jones, A (PC)

Berry, D (Ref) 1992 C maj: 603 (1.4%) PRESTON Boundary Change Electorate 72,933 Wise, A (Lab) Gray, P (C) Chadwick, W D (LD) Porter, C (Ref) Bostock, J E (UK Ind)

Ashforth, J (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: I 1,466 (20.8%) PUDSEY Electorate 70,922 Bone, PW (C) Trusweil, P (Lab)

Brown, J (LD) Crabtree, D (Ref) 1992 C maj; 8,372 (14.6%) PUTNEY PUTNEY
Electorate 60,176

*Mellor, D J (C)
Colman, A (Lab)
Pyne, R D (LD)
Goldsmith, Sir J (Ref)

Jamieson, W B (UK Ind) Small, J (NLP) 1992 C maj: 7,526 (15.6%) RAYLEIGH Boundary Change Electorate 68,737

*Clark, M (C) Farmer, A (Lib) Ellis, R (Lab) Cumberland, S (LD) 1992 C maj: 21,197 (39.2%) READING EAST Boundary Change Electorate 71,586 *Watts, J A (C) Griffiths, J (Lab) Samuel, S (LD) Harmer. D (Ref) Thornton, A L (UK Ind) Buckley, J (NLP) 1992 C maj: 10,584 (20.2%) READING WEST Boundary Change Electorate 69,073 Salter, M (Lab) Tomiin, D (LD)

Brown, S (Ref) Black D M (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 12,632 (23.7%) REDCAR Roundary Change Mowlam, M (Lab) Isaacs, A (C) Benbow, J (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 11.414 (19.6%) REDDITCH Boundary Chang Electorate 60.84 l McIntyre, A (C) Smith, JJ (Lab) Hall, M (LD) Davis, P (NLP) Cox, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 3.287 (6.8%)

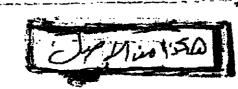
REGENTS PARK & KENSINGTON NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 73,752 Buck, K (Lab) McGuiness, P (C) Gasson, E (LD) Hinde, J (NLP) Dangoor, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 3,814 (7.3%)

REIGATE Boundary Change Electorate 64.750 Blunt, C (C) Samuel, P (LD) Howard, A (Lab) Smith, S P (UK Ind) *Gardiner, Sir G (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16.940 (33.4%) RENFREWSHIRE WEST Boundary Change Electorate 52,348 "Graham, T (Lab) Cormack, C (C) Campbell, C M (SNP) Lindsay, S (Ref) MacPherson, B (LD) RHONDDA Electorate 57,105
*Rogers. A R (Lab)
Wood. L (PC)

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Whiting, S (C) Berman, R (LD) Gardiner, S (Ref) Jakeway, K (Grn) 1992 Lab maj: 28,816 (62.7%) RIBBLE SOUTH Boundary Cha Electorate 71,670 "Atkins, R J (C) Borrow, D (Lab) Ashton, N (Lib) Farron, T (LD) Adams, M (Ref) Leadbetter, B (NLP) 1992 C maj: 8,840 (15.0%) RIBBLE VALLEY Boundary Change Electorate 72,664 iohnstone. M (Lab) Carr. M (LD) Parkinson, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 8,629 (14.3%) RICHMOND (YORKS) Boundary Change Electorate 65.058

Hague, W (C) Merrin, S (Lab) Harvey, J (LD) Bentley, A (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16,707 (33.3%) RICHMOND PARK Boundary Change Electorate 71,572 *Hanley, J J (C)
Jenkins, S (Lab)
Tonge, J (LD)
D'Arry, B (NLP) Pugh. I (Ref) Beaupre, D (Loony) 1992 C maj: 8,384 (14,2%)



SOUTHEND WEST Electorate 66,493

Warburton, P (NLP) 1992 C maj: 11,902 (23.8%)

1992 C maj: 3,063 (5.5%)

SOUTHWARK NORTH &

Shapps, G (C) Newton, W (Ref) Munday, J (Ub) 1992 LD maj: 7,269 (16.9%)

*Amess. D A (C) Harley, A (Lab)

Stimson, N J (LD)

Webster. C (Ref)

Lee, B (UK Ind)

SOUTHPORT

Electorate 70.194
*Banks, M R W (C)

Norman, S (Lab) Fearn, R C (LD)

Buckle, F (Ref)

Ashton, S (LIb)

BERMONDSEY Boundary Change

Electorate 65,598

SPELTHORNE

ST ALBANS

Boundary Change Electorate 65,560 Rutley, D (C) Rowlands, A (LD) Pollard, K (Lab)

Docker, I (NLP)

Electorate 70,562 Wilshire, D (C)

Glynn, E (LD) Coleman, B (Ref) Fowler, J D (UK Ind)

Rea, D (Loony) 1992 C maj: 19,843 (35.6%)

Warrilow, J (Rei) 1992 C maj: 9,134 (17.7%)

ST HELENS NORTH

Johnson, D (Ref) Rudin, R D (UK Ind)

ST HELENS SOUTH

Bermingham, G E (Lab)

ST IVES
Electorate 71,680
Rogers, W (C)
George, A (LD)
Fegan, C (Lab)
Stephens, G (Lib)
Faulkner, M (Ref)
Garnier, P E (UK Ind)

STAFFORD Boundary Change Electorate 67,555

Cameron, D (C)

Kidney, D (Lab) Hornby, P (LD)

Halt, D (Loony)

MOORLANDS

Atkins, C (Lab)

Boundary Change Electorate 66,095

Ashworth, A J (C) Jebb, C (LD) Stanworth, D (Ref)

Boundary Change Electorate 68,896

LeMaistre, J (Lab)

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Electorate 65,468

*Pendry, T (Lab) De Bois, N (C) Cross, M (LD) Clapham, R (Ref)

STEVENAGE

Boundary Change Electorate 66,889 *Wood, T J R (C)

Follett, B (Lab)

Wilcock, A (LD) Calcraft, A (NLP) Bundy, D (PL) Coburn, J (Ref)

STIRLING Boundary Change Electorate 52,491 *Forsyth, M B (C)

STOCKPORT

Boundary Change Electorate 65.232 *Coffey, M A (Lab) FizSimmons, S (C)

Newitt, C (Loony)

STOCKTON NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 64,380 *Cook, F (Lab) Johnston, B (C)

Fletcher, S (LD) McConnell, K (Ref)

STOCKTON SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 68,470

Monck, P (LD) Horner, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 4,896 (9.4%)

STOKE-ON-TRENT CENTRAL

Oborski, F (Lib) 1992 Lab maj: 13,420 (30,1%)

STORE-ON-TRENT NORTH

Tobin, Ms J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 9,504 (21.1%)

STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH

1992 Lab maj: 6,909 (13.0%)

*Devlin, T R (C) Taylor, D (Lab)

Electorate 64.113

*Fisher, M (Lab)

Jones, N (C) Fordham, E (LD) Stanyer, P (Ref)

Electorate 59,030

*Walley, J L (Lab)

Electorate 69,968

Scott, S (C) Barnett, P (LD)

Adams, R (Ref)

Mickiem, A (Lib)

Stevenson, G W (Lab)

Day, C (C) Jebb, H (LD)

Roberts, S (LD) Moriey-Scott, W (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 5,468 (10.2%)

1992 Lab maj: 10,666 (21.1%)

McGuire, A (Lab)
Dow, E G (SNP)
Tough, A (LD)
McMurdo, W (UK Ind)
1992 C maj: 236 (0.6%)

1992 C maj: 2,919 (5.3%)

Calder, J (LD)

Cormack, SirP T (C)

STAFFORDSHIRE

1992 C maj: 1,645 (2.9%)

Culley, S (Ref) 1992 C maj: 7,235 (13.1%)

1992 Lab maj: 1,185 (2.2%)

STAFFORDSHIRE SOUTH

Carnell, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 18,615 (33.4%)

1992 Lab maj: 7,727 (15.7%)

STALYBRIDGE & HYDE

Boundary Change Electorate 66,526

Russell, M (C)

ST IVES

1992 Lab maj: 16,244 (29.5%)

Spencer, B (LD) Steele, M (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 18,309 (36.5%)

Electorate 71,380

Watt, M (Lab) Walker, P (C) Beirne, J (LD)

*Hughes, S H W (LD) Fraser, J (Lab)

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Boundary Change Electorate 66, 341 Callanan. J M (C) Campbell, A (L. 10) Duffield, A (LD)

TYNESIDE NORTH

Boundary Change Electorate 66,449

Bvers, S J (Lab)

Mcintyre, M (C) Mulvenna, T (LD)

TYRONE WEST

Boundary Change Electorate 58, 168

Thompson, W (UU) Byrne, J (SDLP)

Doherty, P (SF) Johnstone, R (NLP)

ULSTER MID

UPMINSTER

Boundary Change Electorate 57,149

*Bonsor, SirN (C) Darvill, K (Lab) Peskett, P (LD)

UPPER BANN

Boundary Change Electorate 70,398

*Trimble, D (UU)

Carrick, M (DUP)

UXBRIDGE

Boundary Change Electorate 57,497

Malyan, A (LD) Aird, G (Ref)

VALE OF CLWYD

Boundary Change Electorate 52,418 Edwards, D G (C)

Ruane, C (Lab) Munford, D (LD)

Kensier, G (PC) Vickers, S (Ref) Cooke, S A (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 2,177 (5.0%)

VALE OF GLAMORGAN

*Shersby, SlrJ M (C) Williams, D (Lab)

Rogers, Ms B (SDLP) O'Hagan, B (SF)

Boundary Change Electorate 58,836 McCrea, RTW (DUP)

Haughey, D (SDLP) McGuinness, M (SF)

Rook, C (Ref) Rogers, FW (UK 1:7:4) 1992 C maj: 3,529 ((5.3%)

Rollings, M (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 17,634 (341, 9%)

Gormley. A (All) 1992 DUP maj: 3,148 (7.8%)

Bogues, E (All) Murray, M (NLP) 1992 DUP maj: 4,914 (10.5%)

Murray, T (Ref) 1992 C maj: 11,157 (24.1%)

Ramsay, W (All) 1992 UU maj: 16,163 (35.5%)

Griffin, C (NLP) 1992 C maj: 12,368 (27.4%)

Boundary Change Electorate 61,058

*Clelland, DG (Lab)

Boundary Change Electorate 73.281 *Jessel, T.F.H. (C)

Hardy, A (NLP) 19:22 C maj: 6,121 (10.2%)

Lee, A (C) Wallace, M (LD) Oswald, C' (Ref) 1992 Lab n.1aj: 19,077 (44.7%)

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Boundary Change Electorate 68.529 *Lynne, E (LD) Fizsimmons, L (Lab) Tumberg, M (C) 1992 LD maj: 128 (0.2%) ROCHFORD & SOUTHEND

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EAST Boundary Change Electorate 72,848 *Taylor, Sir T (C) Smith, N (Lab) Smith, P (LD) Lynch. B (Lib) 1992 C maj: 16.077 (31.5%)

ROMFORD Boundary Change Electorate 59.611 "Neubert, SirM J (C) Gordon, E (Lab) Huristone, T (Lib) Ward, S (Ref) Meyer, N (LD) 1992 C maj: 14,064 (29,8%)

ROMSEY Boundary Change Electorate 67,306 *Colvin, M K B (C) Ford, J (Lab) Cooper, M (LD) Sked, A (UK Ind) Wigley, M (Ref) 1992 C maj: 21,722

ROSS, SKYE & INVERNESS WEST Boundary Change Electorate 55,639 *Kennedy, C P (LD) MacLeod, M (C) Munro, D (Lab) Paterson, M (SNP) Durance, L (Ref) Hopkins, A (Grn) 1992 LD maj: 6,505 (16.8%)

ROSSENDALE & DARWEN Boundary Change Electorate 69,749 *Anderson. J (Lab) Buzzard. P M (C) Dunning, B (LD) Newstead, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 49 (0.1%)

ROTHER VALLEY Electorate 68.622 *Barron, K J (Lab) Stanbury, S (C) Burgess, S (LD) Cook, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 17.222 (33.6%)

ROTHERHAM Electorate 59,895 *Macshane, D (Lab) Gordon, S (C) Wildgoose, D (LD) Hollibone, R (Ref) Neal, A (PL) 1992 Lab maj: 17,561 (40.2%)

ROXBURGH & BERWICKSHIRE Boundary Change Electorate 47,259 *Kirkwood, A J (LD) Younger, D (C) Balfour. M (SNP) Eadle, H S (Lab) Lucas, D (NLP) Neilson, PT (ÚK Ind) Curtis, J (Ref) 1992 LD maj: 4,453 (12.3%)

RUGBY & KENIEWORTH Boundary Change Electorate 79,384 *Pawsey, J F (C) King, A (Lab) Roodhouse, J M (LD) Twite, M (NLP) 1992 C maj: 13,324 (20.4%)

RUISLIP NORTHWOOD Boundary Change Electorate 63,393 Wilkinson, J A D (C)
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Barker, P (Lab)
Edwards, C (LD)
1992 C maj: 20.609 (43.0%)

RUNNEYMEDE & WEYBRIDGE
Boundary Change
Electorate 72,177 (71,478)
Hammond, P (C) Taylor, G (LD) Peacock, I (Lab) Sleeman, J (NLP) Rolt, P (Ref)

Slater, S J (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 22.740 (40.3%) RUSHCLIFFE Electorate 78,735 *Clarke, K H (C) Pettitt, J (Lao) Boote, S (LD)

1992 C maj: 19,766 (31.2%) RUTLAND & MELTON Boundary Change Electorate 70,150 Duncan, AJC (C) Meads, J (Lab) Lee, K (LD) Abbott, J S (UK Ind) King, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 22.581 (40.6%)

-Feaster, S (UK Ind)

SAFFRON WALDEN Boundary Change Electorate 74,097 Haselhurst, SirA G B (C) Fincken, M (Lab) Caton, M (LD) Glover, R (Ref) Evans, I (UK Ind)

Edwards, C (NLP) 1992 C maj: 16,493 (28.0%) SALFORD Boundary Change Electorate 58,610 Blears, H A (Lab) Bishop, E (C) Owen, N (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 12,987 (32.6%)

SALISBURY Electorate 78,973

*Key, S R (C)

Emmerson-Pierce, Y (LD) Rogers, R (Lab) Soutar, H (Grn) Farage, N P (UK Ind) Haysom, S (NLP) 1992 C maj: 9,033 (14.9%)

SCARBOROUGH & WHITEY Electorate 75,862 Sykes, J D (C) Quinn, L(Lab) Allinson, M (LD) Murray, S (Ref) Ingram, F (NLP) 1992 C maj: 11,734 (19.9%)

SCUNTHORPE Boundary Change Electorate 60,393 Morley, E A (Lab) Fisher, M (C) Smlth, G (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 8,903 (18.3%)

SEDGEFIELD Boundary Change Electorate 64,923 Blair, A C L (Lab) Noel, E (C)
Beadle, R (LD)
Hall, M (Ref)
1992 Lab maj: 17,230 (34.2%) MINERVA

Boundary Change Electorate 75.141 Hind, K (C) Grogan, (Lab) Batty, A E (LD) Walker, D (Ref) Spence, P.A (UK Ind) 1992 C maj; 8,987 (15.5%)

SEVENOAKS **Boundary Change** Electorate 66,474 Fallon, M (C)
Walshe, R F C (LD)
Hayes, J (Lab) Lawrence, M (Grn)
Hankey, A (NLP)
Large, N (Ref)
1992 C maj: 17,687 (33.0%) SHEFFIELD ATTERCLIFFE Electorate 68,548

Doyle, B (C) Smith, G (LD) Brown, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 15.480 (31.2%) SHEFFIELD CENTRAL Boundary Change Electorate 68,667 "Cabom, R G (Lab) Hess, M (C) Qadar, A (LD)

*Betts, C J C (Lab)

D'Agome, A (Gm) Altken, M (PL) 1992 Lab maj: 17,380 (40.7%) SHEFFIELD BRIGHTSIDE Electorate 58,930 *Blunkett, D (Lab) Buckwell, C (C) Scott, R (NLP) Butler, F (LD) Farnsworth, B (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 22,681 (53.6%)

SHEFFIELD HALLAM SHEFFIELD HALLAM
Boundary Change
Electorate 62,834
*Patnick, SirC I (C)
Conquest, S (Lab)
Alian, R (LD)
Davidson, I (Ref)
Bennet, J (PL)
1992 C maj: 8,440 (18.9%) SHEFFIELD HEELEY Electorate 66,599 *Michie, W (Lab)

Harthman, J (C) Davison, R (LD) Mawson, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 14,954 (29.7%) SHEFFIELD HILLSBOROUGH Electorate 74,642 *Jackson, Mrs H M (Lab) Dunworth, A (LD) Nuttail, D (C) Rusling, J (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 7,063 (11.8%) SHERWOOD

Electorate 74,788 *Tipping. S P (Lab) Spencer. R (C) Moult. B (LD) Slack, L (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 2,910 (4.6%) SHIPLEY Electorate 69,281 *Fox, SirJ M (C) Leslie, C (Lab) Cole, J (LD): Ellams, S (Ref)

1992 C maj: 12,382 (21.9%) SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM Electorate 73,542 *Conway, D L (C) Marsden, P (Lab)
Woolland, A (LD)
Rowlands, D W (UK Ind)
Barker, D (Ref)
1992 C maj: 10,965 (18.8%)

SHROPSHIRE NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 70,852 Paterson, O (C) Stevens, H J (LD)
Lungs (Gab):
Allen Defen
1992 C maj: 13.18 (24.7%)

SETTINGBOURNE & SHEPPEY Boundary Change Electorate 63,850 Moate, SirR D (C) Truelove, R (LD) Wyatt, D (Lab) Driver, C (Loony) Moull, P (Ref) Risi, N (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 11,128 (22.0%)

SKIPTON AND RIPON Boundary Change Electorate: 72,042 *Curry, D M (C) Mould, T (LD) Marchant, R (Lab) Holdsworth, Ms N (Ref)

SLEAFORD & NORTH HYKEHAM Boundary Change Electorate 71,486 *Hogg, D M (C) Harriss, S (Lab) Marriott, J (LD) Clery, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 19,482 (36.5%)

SLOUGH Boundary Change lectorate 70.283 Mactaggart, F (Lab) Buscombe, P (C) Bushill, C (LD) Bradshaw, A (Lib)

Sharkey, T (Ref) 1992:Lab maj: 36 (0.1%) SOLIHULL Boundary Change Electorate 78.898 Taylor, J M (C) Harris, R (Lab) Southcombe, M (LD)

Caffrey, J (PL) Nattrass, M (Ref) Sheriff, P (Loony) 1992 C maj: 25,075 (39.9%) SOMERTON & FROME

Boundary Change Electorate 73,988 *Robinson, M N F (C) Ashford, R (Lab) Heath, D W S (LD) Gadd, R P (UK Ind) Rodwell, R (Ref) 1992 C maj: 4,251 (7.1%) SOUTH HOLLAND & THE

DEEPINGS_ Boundary Change Electorate 69,642 Hayes, J (C) Lewis, J (Lab) Millen, P (LD) Hendy, C (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16,763 (32.9%)

SOUTH SHIELDS Boundary Change Electorate 62,261 *Clark, D (Lab) Hoban, M (C) Ord, D (LD) Lorraine, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 15,821 (34.5%) SOUTHAMPTON ITCHEN Boundary Change Electorate 76.869 *Denham, J Y (Lab) Fleet, P (C)

Dowden, A (LD)

Day, P (Ref) McCabe, A M (UK Ind)

Sinel, J (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 2,722 (5.0%)

STONE Boundary Change Electorate 68,242 *Cash, WNP (C) Harrison, D (LD) McDermott, F (PL) Clegg, J (Ref) Hoar, CR (UK Ind) Wakefield, J (Lab) Stamp, B (LD) Barry, R (NLP) 1992 Lab maj: 1.053 (1.8%) Grice, D (NLP) Winfield, A (Lib) SOUTHAMPTON TEST 1992 C maj: 15,079 (27.1%) Boundary Change Electorate 72,983 STOURBRIDGE Whitehead, A (Lab) *Hill, SirS J A (C)

Boundary Change Electorate 64,966 *Hawksley, P W (C) Shipley, D (Lab) Bramall, C (LD) Ouick, P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 5,388 (10.6%) STRANGFORD Boundary Change Electorate 69,980 "Taylor, J D (UU) Robinson, I (DUP) McCarthy, K (All) O'Reilly, P (SDLP) O Fachtna, G S (SF)

Mullins, S (NLP) 1992 UU maj: 12,178 (29.2%) STRATFORD-ON-AVON Boundary Change Electorate 81,434 Maples, J C (C) Maden, R (Lab) Juned, S Dr (LD) Hilton, A (Ref) Miller, Ms S (PL)
Spilsbury, J E M (UK Ind)
Brewster, J (NLP)
1992 C maj: 21,005 (33.2%)

STRATHKELVIN & BEARSDEN
Boundary Change
Electorate 62,974
*Galbraith, S (Lab) Sharpe, D (C) McCormick, G (SNP) Morrison, J (LD) Fisher, J (NLP) Wilson, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 6,948 (13.5%)

STREATHAM STREATHAM

Boundary Change
Electorate 74,509

"Hill, T K (Lab)
Noad, E (C)
O'Brien, R (LD)
Wall, J (Ref)
Harper, C L (UK Ind)
1992 Lab maj: 5,471 (11.0%) STRETFORD & URMSTON Boundary Change Electorate 69,913

Hughes, 8 (Lab) Gregory, J (C) Bridges, J (LD) Dore, Ms C (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 4,482 (8.1%) STROUD Boundary Change Electorate 77,494 *Knapman, R (C) Hodgkinson, P (LD) Drew, D E (Lab & Co-op) Marjoram, J (Gm) 1992 C maj: 10,581 (16.9%)

SUFFOLK CENTRAL & IPSWICH NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 70,222 "Lord, M N (C) Jones, C (Lab) Goldspink, M (LD) Caulfield, S (Ref) Webb. D (UK Ind) Bennell, S (NLP) 1992 C maj: 18,006 (33.9%)

SUFFOLK COASTAL Boundary Change Electorate 74.219 *Gummer. J S (C)
Jones, A (LD)
Campbell, M (Lab)
Slade, A (Grn) Caulfield, S (Ref) Kaplan, F (NLP) 1992 C maj: 16,705 (29.2%)

SUFFOLK SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 67,323

*Yeo, T S K (C)
Bishop, P (Lab)
Pollard, A K (LD)
de Chair, S (Ref) Holland, A (NLP) 1992 C maj: 13,208 (25.1%)

SUFFOLK WEST Boundary Change Electorate 68,638 *Spring, R J D (C) Jefferys, M (Lab) Graves, A (LD) Carver, J (Ref) Shearer, A (NLP) 1992 C maj: 15,763 (29.8%)

SUNDERLAND NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 64,711 erington. Y Selous, A (C) Pryke, G (LD) Nicholson, M (Ref) Newby, K (Loony)

1992 Lab maj: 14,226 (31.8%) SUNDERLAND SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 67,937 *Mullin, C J (Lab) Schofield, T (C) Lennox, J (LD) Wilkinson, M A M (UK Ind) 1992 Lab maj: 14,123 (28.2%)

SURREY EAST Boundary Change Electorate 72,852 *Ainsworth, P M (C) Ross, D (Lab) Ford, B (LD) Stone, A B (UK Ind) Sydney, M (Ref) 1992 C maj: 19,972 (34.2%)

SURREY HEATH Boundary Change Electorate 73,813 *Hawkins, N J (C) Jones, S (Lab) Junes, S (LaD) Newman, D (LD) Squire, R P F (UK Ind) Gale, J (Ref) 1992 C maj: 22,754 (40.6%)

SURREY SOUTH WEST Electorate 72.350
*Bottomiey, V H B M (C)
Leicester, M (Lab) Sherlock, N R (LD) Clementson, Ms J (Ref) Kirby, J P (UK Ind) Quintavalle, J (PL)

1992 C maj: 14,975 (25.0%) SUSSEX MID Electorate 68,784 *Soames, A N W (C) Hamilton, M (Lab) Collins, M E (LD) Willinck R (NLP) Berry, P (Loony) Barnett, J V (UK Ind) Large, T (Ref) 1992 C maj: 17,407 (30.7%)

SUTTON COLDFIELD Electorate 71,864 *Fowler, SirN (C) York, A (Lab) Whorwood, J E (LD) Hope, D (Ref) Bray, R (NLP) 1992 C maj: 26,036 (45.9%) SUTTON AND CHEAM Electorate 62,785 *Maitland, O H (C) Burstow, P (LD) Allison, M (Lab) Atkinson, P (Ref) Wright, D (NLP) McKie, S P (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 10.756 (21.4%) SWANSEA EAST

Electorate 57.373 *Anderson, D (Lab) Dibble, C (C) Jones. E V (LD) Pooley, M (PC) Maggs, C (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 23,482 (52.5%) SWANSEA WEST "Williams, A.J (Lab) Baker, A C S (C) Newbury, J (LD)

Lloyd, D (PC) 1992 Lab maj: 9,478 (21.6%) **SWINDON NORTH Boundary Change** Electorate 65.535 Wills, M (Lab) Everny, M (LD) Goldsmith, Ms G (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 882 (1.8%)

SWINDON SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 70,207 *Coombs, S C (C)
Drown, J (Lab)
Pajak, S (LD)
Mackintosh, D (Ref)
Buscombe, K (NLP)
1992 C maj: 10,103 (18.1%)

TAMWORTH Boundary Change Electorate 67,205 Lightbown. (C) *Jenkins. B (Lab) Pinkett, J (LD) Livescy, D (Ref) Lamb, C A (UK Ind) Twelverrees, C (Lib) 1992 C maj: 5,405 (10.2%)

TATTON Boundary Change Electorate 63,822 Hamilton, M N (C) Bell, M (Ind) Kennedy, M (NLP) 1992 C maj: 22,365 (43.1%) TAUNTON Electorate 79,783 Nicholson, DJ (C)

Lisgo, E (Lab) Ballard, J (LD) Ahern, B (Ref) 1992 C maj: 3,336 (5.2%) TAYSIDE NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 61,398 *Walker, W C (C) Swinney, J R (SNP) Regent, P F (LD) McFatridge, I (Lab) Glazier, J (NLP) 1992 C maj: 3,439 (7.6%)

TEIGNBRIDGE Boundary Change Electorate 81,667 *Nicholls, P C M (C) Younger-Ross, R A (LD) Dann, S (Lab) Stokes, S A (UK Ind) Banwell, N (Grn) 1992 C maj: 9,548 (15.1%)

TELFORD Boundary Change Electorate 56,588 *Grocott, B (Lab) Gentry, B A R (C) Green, N (LD) Morris, C (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 7,927 (19.5%)

TEWKESBURY Boundary Change Electorate 68,208 Robertson, L (C) Sewell, J (LD) Tustin, K (Lab) 1992 C maj: 9,797 (18.6%) THANET NORTH

Electorate 71,116
*Gale, R J (C)
Johnston, I (Lab)
Kendrick, P (LD) Haines, J E (UK Ind) Chambers, M (Ref) 1992 C maj: 18,210 (33.7%) THANET SOUTH Boundary Change

Electorate 62,792
*Altken, J W P (C)
Ladyman, S (Lab)
Hewert-Silk, B (LD) Wheatley, D (Grn) Crook, C P (UK Ind) 1992 C maj: 11,499 (23.6%) THURROCK Electorate 71,600

*MacKinlay, A S (Lab) Rosindell, A R (C) White, J (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 1,172 (2.2%) TIVERTON & HONITON Boundary Change Electorate 75,744

Brown, K (LD) Scrivenor, P (Ref) Bullen, B (UK Ind)

Electorate 66,653 Cox, T M (Lab)

James. Š (LD)

TORBAY Electorate 72,258

*Allason, R W S (C) Sanders, A M (LD)

Morey, M (Lab) Rowe, J (Loony) Booth, G H (UK Ind)

Electorate 60,343 Murphy, P P (Lab) Parish, N (C)

Boundary Change Electorate 70,473

Ellery, V (Lab)
Hope, A (Loony)
Cook, P (Ref)
Thomas, H W (UK Ind)
Prait, A (Gm)

TOTTENHAM Electorate 66,173 Grant, B A M (Lab) Laud, D (C)

Hughes, N (LD) Budge, P (Gm) Tay, E (PL)

1992 C maj: 8,626 (15.3%)

1992 Lab maj: 11,968 (26.7%)

TRURO & ST AUSTELL

Badcock, N (C) Dooley, M (Lab) Robinson, D (Grn) Haithwaite, A T (UK Ind)

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Boundary Change Electorate 65,259

Macoherson, T (Ref)

LAUDERDALE Boundary Change

Electorate 50,891

Moore, M (LD)

Geddes, K (Lab) Goldie, I (SNP)

Hein, J (Lib) Mowbray, C (Ref)

Paterson, D (NLP)

1992 LD maj: 1.735 (4.4%)

Jack, A (C)

Anderson Smart, M (UK Ind)

1992 C maj: 13,146 (25.6%)

TWEEDDALE, ETTRICK &

Norman, A (C)

Clayton, A (LD) Warner, P (Lab)

Levy, P (NLP)

1992 LD maj: 7,570 (12.2%)

Electorate 76,824 *Taylor, M O.J (LD)

Hearn, C (Rei)

*Steen, A D (C) Chave, R F (LD)

Gray,) (LD) Gough, R (PC)

TOTNES

Cowling, B (Llb) 1992 C maj: 5,787 (10.1%)

Holler, Ms D (Ref) Coghill, R (Grn) 1992 Lab maj: 20.754 (43.8%)

TOOTING

Valente, G (NLP) 1992 C maj: 20,741 (40.1%)

Hutchings, J (C) Boddington, P (FrindRP)

James, 5 (LD)
Rattray, J (Grn)
Miller, P (NLP)
Husband, A (Ref)
Huntington, M (UK Ind)
Koene, J (Basic Rights)

1992 Lab maj: 4,107 (8.0%)

Boundary Change Electorate 67,213 *Sweeney. W E (C) Smith, J P (Lab) Campbell, S (LD) *Browning, A F (C) Barnard, J (LD) Corp. M (PC) 1992 C maj: 19 (0.0%) King. J (Lab) Roach, J (Lib) VALE OF YORK Lowings, S (Ref) McIvor, E (Grn) 1992 C maj: 11,664 (19.6%) Electorate 70,077 McIntosh, A (C) TONBRIDGE & MALLING Hall, A C (LD) Carter, M (Lab) Boundary Change Electorate 64.798 Stanley, Sir J (C)
Withstandley, B (Lab)

Fairclough, C·(Ref) 1992 C maj: 17,228 (32.8%)

Boundary Change Electorate 70,402 *Hoey, C L (Lab) Bacon, R (C) Kerr, K (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 12.761 (29.5%)

WAKEFIELD Boundary Change Electorate 73,210 *Hinchliffe, D M (Lab) Dale, D (LD) Shires, S (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 4,224 (7.8%) WALLASEY Electorate 63,714 *Eagle, A (Lab) Wilcock, M P (C)

1992 Lab maj: 3,809 (7.0%) WALSALL NORTH Electorate 67,587
*Winnick, D J (Lab) Bird, M (C) O'Brien, T (LD) Bennett, D (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 3,824 (7.3%) WALSALL SOUTH Electorate 64,221
*George, B T (Lab)
Leek, L (C)

Harris, H (LD) Dent, T (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 3,178 (6.3%) WALTHAMSTOW Boundary Change Electorate 63,818 *Gerrard, N F (Lab) Andrew, J (C) Jackson, J (LD) Hargreaves, G (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 3,351 (7.1%) Electorate 62,998 Thompson, J (Lab) Green, P(C)

Thompson, JA (LD) Gompertz, P (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 18,174 (36.1%) WANSDYKE Boundary Change Electorate 69,032 Prisk, M (C) Norris, D (Lab) Manning, J (LD) Clinton, K (Ref) 1992 C maj: 11,770 (19.9%) WANTAGE Electorate 71,657

Jackson, R V (C)

Riley, J G A (LD) Wilson, C (Lab) Rising, S (Ref) 1992 C maj: 16,473 (29,2%) WARLEY Boundary Change Electorate 59,758 *Spellar, J F (Lab)

Pincher, C (C) Pursehouse, J (LD) Gamre, K (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 8,409 (18.8%) WARRINGTON NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 72,694 Jones, H (Lab) Lacey, R (C) Greenhaigh, I (LD)

1992 Lab maj: 10,206 (18.3%)

WARRINGTON SOUTH Boundary Change Electorate 72,262 Grayling, C (C) Southworth, H (Lab) Walker, P (LD) Kelley, G (Ref) 1992 C maj: 2,753 (4.9%)

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON Boundary Change Electorate 79,374 "Smith, SirD (C) Hicks, N (LD) Davis, V (Ref) 1992 C maj: 11,464 (18.3%)

WARWICKSHIRE NORTH Boundary Change Electorate 72,602 *O'Brien, M (Lab) Hammond, S (C) Powell, W (LD) Mole, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 1,453 (2.4%)

WATFORD Boundary Change Electorate 74,015 Gordon, R (C) Ward, C (Lab) Canning, A (LD) Roe. P (Ref) 1992 C maj: 8,263 (14.1%)

WAVENEY Boundary Change Electorate 75,266 *Porter, D J (C) Blizzard, R (Lab) Thomas, C (LD) 1992 C maj: 4,376 (7,3%) WEALDEN

Boundary Change E lectorate 79,519 "Johnson Smith, SirG (C) Skinner, M D (LD) Levi ne. N (Lab) Tapilin, B (Ref) 1992 C maj: 20,928 (34.7%) WEAY ER VALE Bounc lary Change Elector ate 66,011

Hall, N 1T (Lab)
Byrne, J (C)
Griffiths, N (LD)
Cockfield, R (Ref)
1992 Lab (naj: 6.750 (13.0%) WELLINGB'OROUGH Electorate 7-4, 955
Fry, SirP D (-C')
Stinchcombe - P (Lab)

Smith. P (LD) 1992 C maj: 1 1,816 (19.5%) WELLS Electorate 72.1:78
*Heathcoat-Amory, D (C) Gold, P J (LD)
Eavis, M (Lab)
Phelps, P (Ref)
1992 C maj: 6,649 (.11.5%)

WELWYN HATFIELL) Boundary Change Electorate 67,395 *Evans, D J (C) Schwartz, R (LD) Harrold, H (PL) 1992 C maj: 6,583 (11.5%)

WENTWORTH Electorate 63,951 *Hardy, P (Lab) Hamer, K (C) Charters, J (LD) وسيا (مسر) Battley, A (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 22,499 (46.8%)

WEST BROMWICH EAST Boundary Change Electorate 63,401 "Snape, P C (Lab) Matsell, B (C) Smith, M (LD) Mulley, G (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 4,985 (10.0%)

WEST BROMWICH WEST Boundary Change Electorate 67,496 *Boothroyd, B (Speaker) 1992 Lab maj: 6,174 (13.1%)

Boundary Change Electorate 57,058 *Banks, T L (Lab) MacGregor, M (C) McDonough, S (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 10.488 (28.0%) WESTBURY Boundary Change Electorate 74,301

*Faber, DJC (C) Miller, J (LD) small, K (Lab) Hawkings-Byass, N (Ref) 1992 C maj: 11,153 (18,3%) **WESTERN ISLES**

Electorate 22,983
"Macdonald, C A (Lab)
Gillies, A L (SNP) McGrigor, J (C) Mitchison, N (LD) Lionel, R (Ref) 1992 Lab maj: 1,703 (10.6%)

WESTMORLAND & LONSDALE Boundary Change Electron # 68,389 Collins, T (C) Collins, S (LD) Harding.) (Lab) Hyde Smith, M (Ref) 1992 C maj: 15,394 (29.4%)

WESTON-SUPER-MARE Boundary Change Electorate 72,445 Daly, M E (C) Cotter, B (LD) Kraft, D (Lab) Sewell, T (Ref) 1992 C maj: 5,372 (9.5%)

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Plant, K (PC) Thomas, A (LD) 1992 Lab maj: 7,090 (17.5%)

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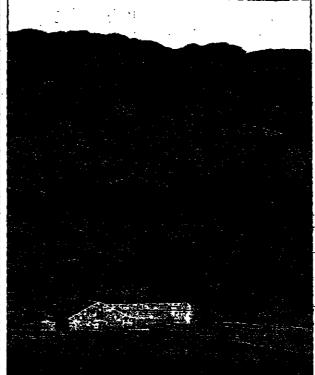
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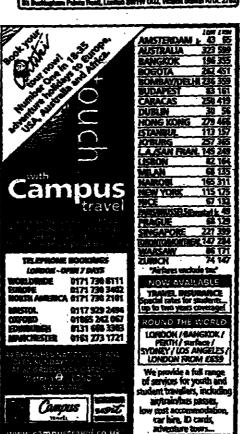
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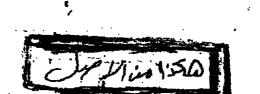


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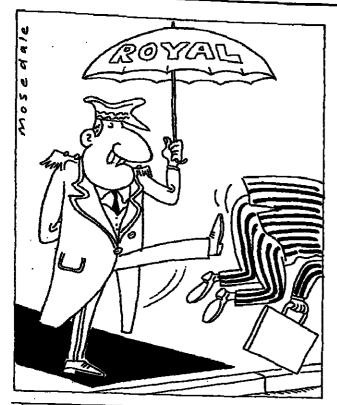
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Tenerife

law hits

holidays

BY TONY DAWE

TOURISTS will find it harder

to rent apartments in the Canary Islands, one of the most popular destinations for

British holidaymakers.

because of a law being intro-

Thousands of holiday flats

will be removed from the

market, especially in Tenerife. The loss will be a blow to the many holidaymakers who

prefer not to book through

The ruling is also causing

dismay among the thousands

of Britons who have bought

apartments in the Canaries as

second homes and rent them

out to pay for maintenance

The law, which was passed

by the Canary Islands Parlia-

ment and comes into force on

July 20, is intended to improve

quality and service for visitors and prevent their exploitation.
Officials argue that many apartments rented by tourists

are governed only by regula-tions intended for private

homes and lack the necessary

safety and quality require-

ments. Owners are being told

to let their homes through a booking agency, which will be responsible for the quality of accommodation and service

and ensure that each block has

Owners intend challenging

the law and have received help

from European MPs, includ-

ing the Labour MEPs Anita

Pollack and Lyndon Harrison.

Eurostar lifts

business class

THE BATTLE for business

travellers to Paris and Brus-

sels heightened yesterday when Eurostar unveiled fur-

ther improvements to its new

The rail company an-

But yesterday Eurostar also

unveiled a range of on-board

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will also have their own

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matches that of the airlines'

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Hotels berate whingeing louts

By DAVID CHURCHILL

HOTELIERS are fed up with men behaving badly and guests who "whinge" about slipping service standards and

complain in an arrogant fashion.

The hotel industry's feelings towards the increasingly ill-mannered guests are revealed in two new surveys out this week - from the British Hospitality Association and from conference hotel specialists Banks Sadler.

The worst behaviour, according to Banks Sadler, comes from male delegates staying in hotels for a conference.

The poll of 100 hoteliers revealed that no fewer than one in three corporate meetings in hotels led to rowdy behaviour, sexual harassment of staff, excessive drinking and inappropriate "scruffy dressing'

Banks Sadler suggests that "the increased percentage of young women delegates attending conferences in hotels encourages males to show off and behave Paul Hussey, the company's general manager, adds: "With the average age of

all delegates lowered, and with many in their early twenties, there is evidence that some are inexperienced both at attending conferences and at staying in luxury surroundings."

General loutish behaviour reported by hotels includes spilling wine over carpets and walls and stubbing eigarettes out on

Women delegates do not get off scot-free since hotels report an often careless attitude towards the use of make-up and hairspray in bedrooms.

Hoteliers are also concerned at 'male arrogance to female employees in hotels. along with untidy bedrooms and torn

Conference delegates, however, are not the only cause of friction with hoteliers. In the BHA survey of 700 hotels, 80 per cent said that guests were more prone to complain, with more than half reporting

that the late-1990s customer was more demanding. "Guests appear to have lost their manners completely, being rude and aggressive often for no reason at all," said one hotelier.

Another commented: "Whatever the complaint, customer decorum is becoming increasingly bad-mannered."

Complaints by guests focused on ac-commodation, service and food, with typical problems including beds that were either too hard or too soft, or difficulties in tuning into satellite television.

But some complaints were increasingly trivial and even absurd. "One guest complained about a candleholder on the table only being for a single candle and not for three," says a hotelier in the

The media and the Citizen's Charter are blamed for the increasing complaints. Jeremy Logie, BHA chief executive, says: "No longer is the British consumer unwilling to make his or her voice heard."



Global warming on our doorstep

illed days last week-Devon and watched the county prepare for what promises to be a record tourist season.

Everywhere I went -

including Bovey Tracey. Belstone, Abbotsham, Powderham Castle, Bideford along the Tarka trail to Eggesford, Okehampton, Clovelly, Topsham and Exeter - there were smiles of optimistic delight as those involved in Devon's vast tourist industry looked up at the cloudless skies,

Already the roads in one of England's most beautiful counties were filling with tourists' cars and caravans. Cafés and restaurants were packed with high-spending guests, and turnstiles were clicking away merrily at least three weeks earlier than anyone could have hoped for.

Even in mid-April, when the official figures for tourist visitor numbers in 1996 are still being pored over, most people are confident that this summer will break all records.

The increase has been gathering pace for the past three years and now looks like becoming a rush.

In 1995 tourists spent almost £900 million in Devon up 8 per cent on 1994. Nearly 3.5 million visitors came to the many attractions scattered throughout the county, with most resorts recording increases of more than 5 per cent on 1994.

It could hardly be a better time to be involved in travel and tourism in Devon. Yet behind those smiles there is a serious concern.

They know that it is not right for the weather to be this good so early. Rivers are sluggish. Reservoirs are being topped up with water drawn from streams and rivers in a way which should not happen until July or August. Salmon are staying out at sea rather than racing up the Exe to their breeding grounds because the river is too shallow and clear.

Tractors on fields normally calf-deep in lush grass are any answers.

throwing up clouds of red dust. Gardens are being watered daily and there are fears of a hosepipe ban at any moment. And thousands of acres of moorland are charred and blackened from ravaging fires which have wiped out early-breeding wildlife.

The unspoken fear is that global warming and the potentially catastrophic changes in climate, about which scientists have warned for years, may now be upon us.

If that is really happening, the flow of people from north to south seeking the sun will be reversed. Millions of British holidaymakers will stay at home in playground counties such as Devon. Why travel to the parched and super-heated Med when they can be almost certain of sunshine for much of the summer at

illions now living in southern LV L Europe will seek to escape the blistering heat and take their holiday in even their home to - the

In the short term, much of the tourism industry in Devon and other parts of Britain will flourish as Britons stay at home and mainland Europeans come north.

But can it cope? Are we preparing now for the changes? Has the industry - not the academics but those who must meet the demands of the leisure-seeking masses — understood what it means for them? Have they worked out where the water they will need will come from, or thought about the effects of rising sea levels and falling

water tables? All those I met and spoke to in as near a perfect holiday destination as you will ever find, are thinking about it and, among them-

selves, talking about it. The problem is, apart from praying for rain in the short term and hoping that the experts are wrong in the longer term, they don't have

Slovenia, until recently, was believed by the British to be overrun with guns, tanks and bullets. In fact it is a country of stunning scenery Slovenia attracts sharp increase in **British visitors**

THE SURPRISE success story of the coming summer holiday season is Slovenia in what was once Yugoslavia. At least 14 British tour operators are now selling holidays, mainly to the cool mountains and lakes of the country whose tourism industry collapsed in the aftermath of the Balkan war in

By Harvey Elliott

They claim to have sold Premium First carriage, Steve twice as many holidays as last year, and to be inundated with nounced last autumn that inquiries from British holidaymakers who appear suddenly business travellers could buy to have lost their fear of an interchangeable ticket that travelling to what they had allowed them to fly out or back wrongly regarded as a former

battle ground. Thomson, which began tentatively to offer a few thousand holidays to Slovenia last year says that, with a month still to go before the start of the summer season, sales already

equal last year's total. British holidaymakers, especially older, experienced travellers, have been won over by the peace and beauty of Slovenia and, perhaps more significantly, the cheapness of

staying in its resorts. A senior official of the Slovenia Tourist Office in London said yesterday that up to 30,000 British tourists could visit this year, compared with 14,000 last year, and half that the year before.

Matjaz Sinkovec, the Slove-nian Ambassador in London, says that British tourists have

been slower than those from European countries to return to Slovenia since the war. I don't know why it took the British so long to realise that Slovenia was not only safe

but offered extraordinary value for money," he says. "But now, as they hear from friends who have holiday to my country, they are returning in ever-increasing numbers and discovering that it is both economically and politically

stable. ' The ambassador regularly drives the 950 miles from his official residence in London to his home village on the outskirts of Ljubljana. "It is so easy through the Channel Tunne and then on to Germany and Austria. I can leave London in the morning and be in Slove-nia in time for dinner.

Most British tourists, however, fly either directly to Bled or to Salzburg and then take a



der to their hotel or villa. Prices start from around

£200 for two weeks including flights and accommodation. A week's half board in the fivestar Grand Hotel Toplice on Lake Bled is £418 per person in the Thomson brochure, with Gatwick departures on May

> Inghams, which was the first British tour operator to return to Slovenia in bookings have now reached prewar levels. "Business is tremendous." savs Ray Hall, product hams. "The scenery is spectacular, the people are very friendly and hospitable and the value is outstanding."

According to Miraslav Mikajlovic, who runs the main tourism agency in Slove-nia, younger people are also discovering the attractions of the country.

"It was remarkable how so many people thought that once they crossed the Austrian border they would find guns, tanks and bullets everywhere," he says. "Perhaps the British were mixing it up with Sarajevo. But tourists from Germany, Italy, Holland and France quickly discovered the value we can offer as well as unspoilt nature. Now, at last, the British, who are important to us, are catching up."

With the local currency, the tolar, worth about 250 to the pound compared with only 200 to the pound a year ago, a beer costs the equivalent of 80p and a full dinner with wine no more than £10 a head.

Slovenia attracted 3.6 million tourists in 1990, but this slumped to a trickle as Yugoslavia broke into warring factions. It borders Austria and Italy and it is possible both to ski and sunhathe on the Adriatic coast on the same

The country is now hoping for an invitation to become a full member of NATO at the Madrid summit on July 8, and eventually to qualify for membership of the European

School run leads to traffic chaos

By DAVID CHARTER

THE number of car journeys taking children to and from school has doubled over the past two decades, adding dramatically to the level of traffic jams during the rush hours.

A study for the Open Univ-

ersity reveals that taking children to class accounts for 12 per cent of all journeys, compared with 5 per cent 20 years ago. Yet, according to the environmental pressure group Transport 2000, one of the main factors behind the increase is - ironically -parents' fear that allowing their offspring to walk will put them in danger from the

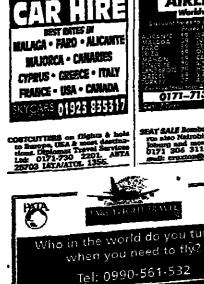
traffic. Lynn Sloman, the group's assistant director, says: "This is a great paradox. Parents feel they have to drive their children to school, which contributes greatly to rush-hour traffic. They perceive it as too dangerous to let children walk to school because of the traffic and because they might get

mugged. But whereas the figures for children being attacked by people they don't know have not changed very much for 30 years, we have one of the worst child pedestrian casualty rates in Europe."

Home Office figures show that five to 15-year-olds are 50 times more likely to be killed. by a traffic accident than by a; stranger. Six children are killed every week on Britain's

The Open University research reveals that the other big rise in car journeys has been in trips to supermarkets. "Instead of nipping around the corner to the local shop, we are driving 15 miles to a supermarket and we tend to think nothing of it," says Ms Sloman. "We substitute a short walk with a longer drive. Despite the view that the car. has brought us wonderful freedom, the report seems to show it is questionable whether it has bought us extra time."

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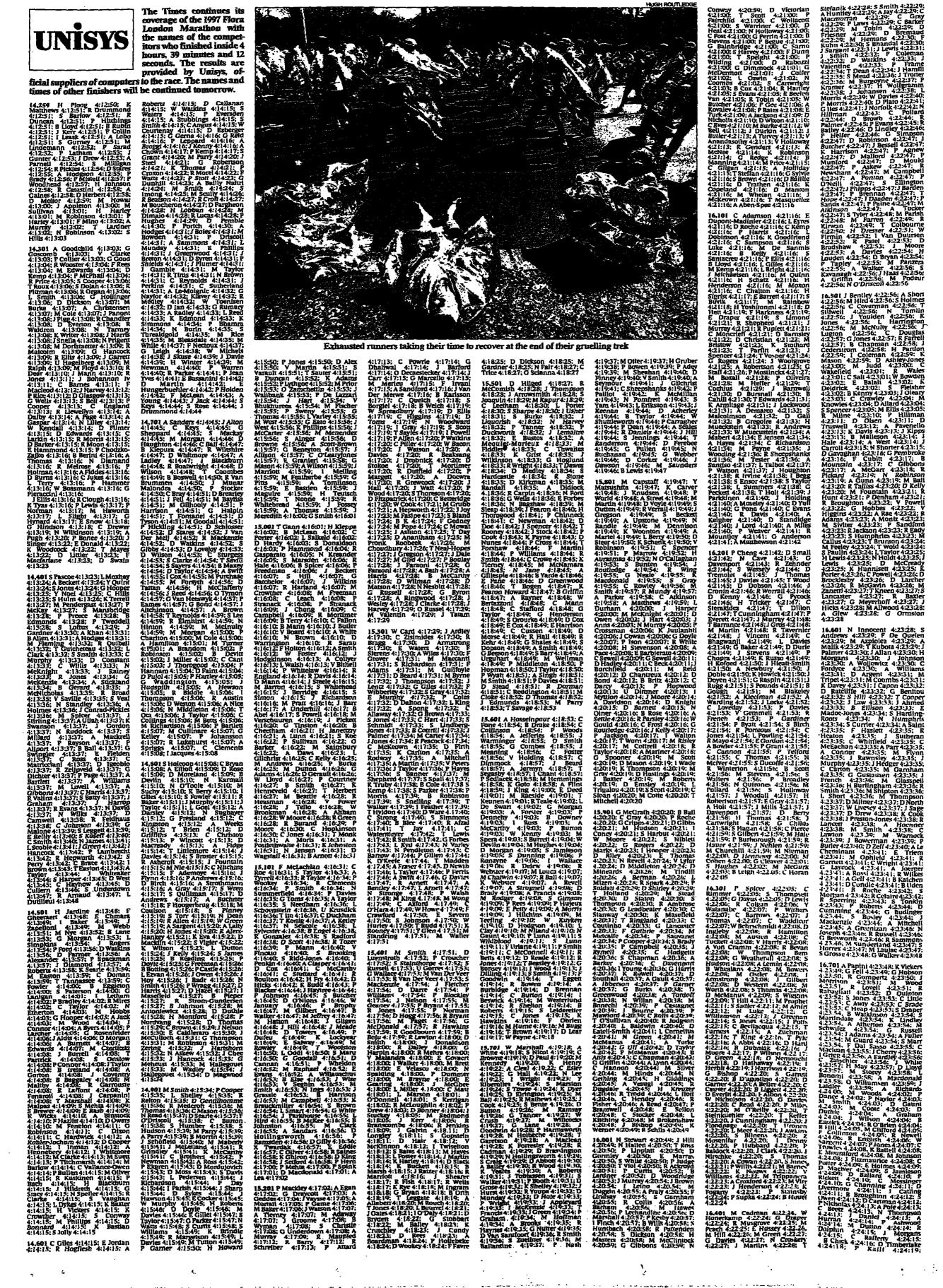
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Nicol captains

Scots in blend

of old and new

By MARK SOUSTER

SCOTLAND have included to

capped players in their squad for the six-match tour to

half, will captain the party.

who will be paid between

El,000 and El,200. Nicol led

Scotland to the South Seas in

1993, from where he became a

British Lion - albeit for only

Given that Scotland have

five representatives in the

British Isles party this sum-

mer, it is, on paper, a strong-looking squad for what was

originally planned as a dev-

elopment tour. The subse-

quent involvement of the South African Rugby Union.

which has dictated the itiner-

ary, ensures that the tour will

now demand a higher profile. Morgan stressed that no

players have been dropped.

although there are one or two

notable omissions, among

them Bryan Redpath and

Gary Armstrong. Graham El-

lis, the Currie hooker, and

Peter Wright, the Melrose

prop, are other absentees. Kevin McKenzie, Graham

Shiel, Ian Jardine. Alan Watt

and Cameron Glasgow were

not considered because of

Scotland start with a non-

cap international against Zim-

babwe in Harare on June 17,

before the tour switches to

South Africa and provincial

matches against Transvaal, Northern Transvaal, Eastern

Transvaal and South-Eastern

Transvaal, with the final game

against Eastern Province on

July 4. Morgan said: "South

Africa is the place to be now.

They are the world champi-

ons. It is going to be a very

Negligence without fraud

"Although there are no test

long-term injuries.

six minutes in New Zealand.

of Scottish talent.

Bayfield offered chance to revive England career

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

has not played for England since February last year, will have the chance to revive his international career when he tours Argentina next month. Bayfield, the Northampton lock, capped 31 times, was one of 29 players named yesterday for the six-match visit, to which will be added a thirtieth when the selectors have resolved the final wing position. Bayfield, 30, who has

missed most of this season because of a pelvic condition. will be the most experienced member of a party that has a strong developmental look to it because of the absence of 18 players with the British Isles party in South Africa. Even so. is of the players have been capped and more will hope to make their debuts in the two internationals, to be played in the Ferro Carril Oeste Stadium in Buenos Aires on May 31 and June 7.

In that respect, the party strongly resembles the last England side to visit Argentina, in 1990, when 15 capped players made the visit and others took the chance of a summer off rugby. Jason Leonard, the Harlequins prop, began a distinguished England career in Buenos Aires and eight more were capped during or after that

For all his experience, however, Bayfield may be making the tour only because David Sims, the Gloucester captain. requires minor surgery and has declared himself unavailable, along with Dan Luger, the Harlequins wing, who has

had a knee operation. This news comes at a perfect time," Bayfield said. "It has given me fresh impetus, just when I thought the season was set to finish on a very flat note." He has played two games for the Northampton second XV and hopes to contest a place in the senior side before the league season ends. Jack Rowell, the England coach, believes that this tour and the international with Australia that follows a month

later in Sydney is England's last chance to resolve key questions of personnel before the countdown to the 1999 World Cup begins. They revolve primarily around half back and wing. The Lions have Austin Healey and Paul Grayson with them,

TOUR PARTY

BACKS: J Mallinder (Sale), M Mispletoft (Siculossier), A Adebayo (Bath), D Rees (Sale), J Sleightholme (Bath), A N Other, M Allen (Northampton), J Besendell (Sale), P de Glanville (Bath, captain), N Greenstock (Wasps), M Cart (Bath), A King (Wasps), K Bracken (Sarscens), A Gomersell (Wasps). Bracton (Sarscens), A Gomerster (Waspie), FORMARDS: D Gerborth (Leicesto), R Hardwick (Coventry), J Mailett (Sath), K Yates (Bath), R Cockerill (Leicester), G Greening (Gioucester), G Archer (Newcaste), M Beyfield (Northampton), J Fowler (Sale), M Haag (Bath), B Clerke (Richmond), M Comy (Bratin), A Diprose (Saracens), R Janthas (Harleyuris), S Ojomoh (Bath), C Sheesby (Waspie)

ITENERARY: May: 21: v Cordoba (Cordoba); 24: v Buenos Ares (BA Criclet end Rugby Cub); 27: v Argentina (BA Criclet and Rugby Cub); 31: v Argentina (Ferro Carri Oeste), June; 3: v Cuyo (Mendoza); 7: v Argentina (Ferro Carri Oeste).

leaving Mike Catt to scrap out the stand-off half role with the talented Alex King, while Kyran Bracken will hope to nudge ahead of Andy Gomarsall at scrum half.

Catt, the Bath stand-off, played, in Rowell's words, "a Wales last month and Grayson will note that he is described by the coach as the man in situ. Rowell also acknowledged the advance of Mark Mapletoft, the Gloucester player, as a pacey, deci-sion-making stand-off, but his



Tom Beim, his club colleague.

Beim has run in tries regular-

ly this year, but he has Welsh

qualifications; however, he is

also a polo player, so Argentina would be a pertinent venue for him. "Next season we need to have settled on the England squad going into the World Cup," Rowell said. "There will be changes around the periphery, but we should have re-solved the issues at No 10 and who is kicking for England. We need to settle down and build teamwork, consolidate

the style of play."
England hope to add Mark Tainton, the former Bristol stand-off, to their tour party as kicking coach and are seeking a specialist sprinting coach to add zest to their back three.

The three clubs finishing strongest in the league -Wasps, Bath and Sale - are well represented. Wasps offer four players and Bath eight, among them Martin Haag. who toured with England B to New Zealand in 1992 but has hardly featured in representative England XVs since.

The change to the lineout laws since then has suited Haag. His mobile, ball-handling skills have edged him ahead of Dave Baldwin, of Sale, who contribute three players and hope that the knee injury sustained by John Fowler during the victory over Saracens on Tuesday night will not inhibit his progress.



Army fire final shot in epic battle

THE last kick of the interservices championship match between the Army and the Royal Air Force at Twickenham yesterday left the destiny of the Willis Corroon Trophy to be decided by the final round, between the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy, next Wednesday (David Hands writes). A match of fluctuating fortunes ended with Graham's conversion of a try that saved the Army's

blushes in a 35-35 draw. Having beaten the Navy last weekend, the soldiers had established a 25-10 interval lead, yet the hints of a revival were there in the enthusiastic tackling that forced the Army

into a series of mistakes. A penalty try also helped the RAF on the road to recovery. They have now given them-

selves the prospect of a fif-teenth outright title because the championship this season will be decided on points difference, in the event of similar playing records.

The Army's victory on Sat-urday was by only two points. so, if the RAF can reproduced the attacking form shown vesterday, then the Navy will do well to hold them.

ARMY: Capt R Abemethy (RGR). Capt B Johnson (Royal Signals), Grr R Jones (RHA), Capt H Garbarn (RA), Cpl S Bartiffe (Sig Regl): Capt P Knowles (RRF). Capt S Pinder (DWR). Capt S Stewart (DWR). Capt J Bransmer (RE). Cpl M Stewart (PWRIR), Sig L Denham (Sig Regl): Sig I Francis (Sig Regl). Capt D Dahnton (RA), Maj R Weinwrlight (RAMC). Sig I Capt D Cap

RAF: Sgt S Lazenby (Laarbruch), SAC L Smith (St Athan), Cpl M John (St Athan), Cpl S Roke (Wittering), Fit Lt R Underwood (Cranvell): SAC I Morgan (Innsworth), SAC B Walder (Lynchern); FO J Thorpe (Horington), Fit Lt J Tumer (Horington), Cpl N Boyd (Lossimouth), Sgt C Morgan (Briza Norton), SAC P Taylor (Northolt), SAC L Celey (Brize Norton), JT S Boots (Sedand), FO D Holder (Linton-on-Ouse), Roke replaced by JT J Tumer (Bernson, 21): Oaley replaced by SAC P Clark (Aldergrove, S3): Holder replaced by FO H Parr (Horinington, 88).

southern Africa this summer. ger players. Dougle Morgan, the manag-Although Scotland will have er, described the 30-strong party as a mixture of "youth and experience", one which will help to broaden the base Andy Nicol, the Bath scrum

one eye on the 1999 World Cup, the dearth of cover at stand-off half and open-side flanker means that the selectors could not be as adventurous as they might have wished. Craig Chalmers and lan Smith have been picked with a view to nurturing some of the less experienced mem-bers. Andy Lucking, the Cur-rie lock, and Shaun Longtsaff, the Dundee wing, both of whom qualify for Scotland

matches, it is as near as you

can get to it. Winning games

will be important, but so will developing some of our youn-

TOUR PARTY

BACKS: A Nicol (Bath, captain), G Burns (Watsonlans), C Chalmers (Metose), R Erlisson (London Scotter), H Glimour (Henot 5 FP), D Hodge (Watsoners), C Joiner (Leicester), D Lee (London Scotter), K Logart (Wasps), S Longstaff (Bunder HSFP), J Mayer (Watsonars), C Murray (Hawck), S Nichol (Metrose), R Shephard (Malrose)

INDERARY: June: 17: v Zimbabwi (Harizo) 20: v Transvaal (Johannesburg) 25: v Easlern Transvaal (Brakpan), 27: Northern Transvaal (Pertona), July 2: v South Easlern Transvaal (Netspruti), 4: v Easlern Province (Port Elizabeth)

through residency this year, have also been included. Nicol, the former Dundee High School scrum half, who has recovered from a succession of serious injuries, was a natural choice as captain. Morgan said. He will be joined by his Bath colleagues. Eric Peters and David Hilton, who lost his international place this year to Tom Smith. who is with the Lions. Peters has had a hand injury for two months but expects to make his return for Bath against Orrell this weekend.

House of Lords

Law Report April 17 1997

Court of Appeal

was the plaintiffs' loan itself in-

consistent with the duties they

Their breach of duty consisted in

failing to disclose material facts to

Mrs Harrison, as the judge had

held, and it could be assumed she

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rescission were possible, and that

she was now entitled to recover

damages, or compensation, for the

But the prima facie measure of

such loss was the amount by which

she was worse off now than she

would have been if those breaches

had not occurred. The failure to

disclose could not he said to have

led to the making of the loan, even on a "but for" basis, precisely

because disclosure of the true facts

would not have affected her de-

Since she would have accepted

the loan and completed the pur

chase, even if full disclosure had

been made to her, she would have

lost the value of the equity in her

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Mr Mark Everall, QC and Mr Marcus Scott-Manderson for the father: Miss Judith Parker, QC and Mr Lewis Marks for the mother.

LORD BROWNE-WIL-KINSON said that the father had been born in Israel, the mother in England. Both were strict orthodo Jews. Their families had arranged their marriage in London in 1991.

Thereafter they had spent much periods with the mother's family in England. The three young children of the marriage were habitually resident in Israel.

The marriage had not been successful, partly at least because the mother had not been happy living in Israel. In November 1995, without the father's knowledge or consent, she had flown to London with the children. She had obtained an ex name order from the county court prohibiting the lather from removing the children from her care and control or from

On hearing of those proceedings the father had immediately consulted his local Beth Din in Israel. He had been sold to ignore the English order and not to take part in the proceedings. He deposed in his evidence: "Under the terms of [his and the mother's] religious persuasion we are obligated, in the event of a dispute between the two members of the community, to appeal to a Beth Din. This is, in effect, a religious court of law and according to our law I am not able to seek the help of a regular court of law unless authorised to do so

by the Beth Din." The Beth Din had repeatedly summoned the mother to appear before it, but she had not done so. In early April 1996 the father had first learned of the existence of the

When the mother had failed to appear before the Beth Din on April 22, it had made an order authorising the father to take whatever steps he saw lit. He had immediately invoked the Convention procedures, on May 3 issuing

Regina v Lambeth London

Borough Council. Ex parte

An application for judicial review was not barred on the ground that other remedies had not been exhausted where a local authority

exhausted where a local authority had raised an expectation of a

review of the case but had not

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing the application of Adetola

Esther Ogunmuyiwa for judicial review of the decision of Lambeth

London Borough Council to stop

her housing benefit to the errent of

quashing the the decision to stop benefit for part of the period for

which she claimed it was due to

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

Ogumuyiwa

Dudgment March 3

carried out that review,

the summary return of the children.

The object of the Convention was to protect children from the harmful effects of their wrongful removal from the country of their habitual residence to another country or their wrongful retention in another country. That was to be achieved by a procedure ensuring the prompt return of a child to the

state of its habitual residence. Article 12 provided that the authority concerned should order the return of the child forthwith. Article 13 provided, however, that the authority was not bound to order its return if a person opposing its return established (para-graph (a)) that the person seeking the return "had consented to or subsequently acquiesced in" the

removal or retention. Lord Justice Waite had said that the father had acted entirely prop-erly within the tenets of his faith in not taking Convention proceedings until authorised by his Beth Din

That is beside the noint, however, when it comes to a consideration of the objective inferences to be drawn from the fact that he took active steps towards a settlement or adjudication of the matri-monial differences through the medium of the Beth Din, and persisted in those steps for many months, without making any overt statement that he was insisting upon the summary (as opposed to the eventual) return of the

The test applied by the Court of Appeal, and its conclusions, suggested that evidence of the wronged parent's actual intentions was irrelevant or seldom of any weight where there had been positive action of any kind by the wronged parent. The authorities did not support that proposition. English law concepts of acquies-

The applicant, whose family were caught up in the political events of her home country of Nigeria, had originally applied for and received housing benefit in an

After having lived in Britain for

a time she reverted to her own
name and notified the council of
the change. The council stopped
her benefit on the ground of

Subsequently the council sent les-

ters to the applicant which cug-

Mr Chima Umezurnike for the applicant, Mr David Daly for the

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL

said that there had been three periods of time for the sourt to

consider. The council took a pen-

eral point in relation to the three G. Curran, Lambeth.

uncertainty as to her

cence had no direct application to the proper construction of article 13. The Convention must have the same meaning and effect under the Case was to be reviewed

law applicable in England alone such as the distinction between active and passive acquiescence that were not to be found in the Convention or in the general law of

all developed nations. In his judgment, in the ordinary case the court had to determine whether in all the circumstances the wronged parent had, in fact, gone along with the wrongful abduction. Acquiescence was a question of the actual subjective intention of the wronged parent, not of the outside world's perception of his intentions.

Exceptionally, there might be cases where the wronged parent, knowing of his rights, had so other parent and the children that he could not be heard to go back on what he had done and seek to persuade the judge that, all along. he had secretly intended to claim the summary return of the

Such cases would arise only where his words or actions showed clearly and unequivocally that he was not insisting on summary return: they had to be wholly inconsistent with a request for

summary return. Such clear and unequivocal conduct was not normally to be found in passing remarks or letters written by a parent who had recently suffered the trauma of the removal of his children. Still less was it to be found in a request for was it to be found in a tedpost for access showing his desire to pre-serve contact with the child, in negotiations for the voluntary re-

negonations in the catching turn of the child, or in the parent pursuing the dictates of his religious beliefs.

There was nothing inconsistent in a wronged father pursuing remedies in the courts of habitual industrial in the courts of habitual in the ha residence, whether religious or civil, and subsequent recourse to the Convention. The judge had reached the only possible conclusion.

Lord Jauncey, Lord Mustill. Lord Hoffmann and Lord Clyde Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain: Misheum de Reyn.

It was well known that an

applicant who sought judicial re-view must explore every avenue. It

seemed to his Lordship that al-

though nume of the letters con-

tained any word like "review" in

them, there was an expectation

and commitment by the council to

carry out a review. That was a particular reason why the argu-

ment that the applicant should

have explored every other avenue

judicial review in respect of the first period. The applicant's obliga-

tions under the regulations de-prived her of housing benefit in relation to the second period but

she was entitled to housing benefit for the third period.

Solicitors: Bhardwaj & Co; Mr

His Lordship would not grant

shruid be resected.

attracts no damages or of any breach of fiduciary duty equitable equivalent of fraud. Nor

occurred.

difficult tour.

Swindle and Others v Harrison and Another Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice

Judgment March 25 A person who raised a mortgage on her home, obtained a bridging loan and purchased another property was not entitled to rear from the solicitors who had provided the loan but had failed to disclose material facts and so were in breach of fiduciary duty, damages or compensation for the value of equity in her home except on proof either that they had acted fraudulently or in a manner equitably equivalent to fraud, or that she would not have completed

occurred. The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal by the sec-and defendant, Mary Harrison. inst an order of Mr Recorder Sir Andrew Watson at Warwick County Court on November to 1995 that no damages flowed from breach of duty and negligence by the plaintiffs. Stephen Swindle. Timothy Fillmore, Tony Cox and Rusalind Rowett, of Alsters, Learn-ington Spa. a firm of solicitors, in respect of making Mrs Harrison a bridging loan to purchase a

the purchase if full disclosure had

been made and the breach not

The judge had found that the plaintiffs were negligent and in breach of fiduciary duty in failing to disclose two material facts that Mrs Harrison's son's bank was unwilling to provide a reference which could mean he was unable in secure a loan to assist with the purchase and that the plaintifs would profit from the bridging

Mr Duncan Matheson, QC and Mr Stephen Neville for the plain-tiffs: Mr Edward Bannister, QC and Miss Isabel Hitching for Mrs

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that Mr Bannister had submitted that because the plaintiffs were in breach of duty therefore, applying Brickenden v London Loan & Savings Co (1934) 3 DLR 465, 469), Savings to grown 3 to the date dry, they were liable to restore Mrs. Hurrison financially to the pos-ition she was in when their breach of duty occurred. It was not relevant to inquire whether or not she would have completed the purchase in any event. It was enough that she did in fact do so, and as enabled to do so by the plaintiffs' iran.

His Lordship would reject that argument because the authorities also showed that the stringent rule of causation or measure of damages, identified in CICR Mortand Brickenden the not apply on breaches of equitable duties unless the breach could properly be regarded as the equivalent of

In other cases the plaintiff was

entitled to be placed in the same position financially as he would have been in if the breach of duty had not occurred; not necessarily the same as he was in before it

Those principles seemed to his Lordship to be established by Bristol and West Building Society v Mothew (11997) 2 WLR 436). The consequent need to identify the scope of the particular duty

preached was entirely consistent in his Lordshin's view, with the approach to common law damages set out by Lord Hoffmann in Banque Bravelle Lambert SA v Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd (1996) 3 WLR 87).

It was also consistent with the House of Lords' decision in Target Holdings Ltd v Redferns (a Firm) [1996] AC 421). The plaintiffs had obtained precisely what they would have acquired had no breach occurred and therefore appeared to have suffered no compensatable loss.

Lord Browne-Wilkinson had noted (at p434) what his Lordship called the strangent test of causasummarised (at p435B) what was essentially the common law rule in the absence of fraud. Moreover, He approved Causon Enterprises Lid v Boughton & Co [[1990] 88 DLR 129) which held that "damages for breach of fiduciary duty fall to be measured by analogy with common law rules remarkeness".

Even when the stringent test applied, the chain of causation nuld be broken by some independent and untiward event. The text of enusation remained one of common sense on whatever basis it In the present case, there was no

finding and no allegation of franki

home in any event.

She could not recover damages or compensation for that loss, in

cision to accept it.

his Lordship's judgment, except on provide ther that the plaintiffs acted fraudulently or in a manner equivalent to fraud or that she would not have completed the purchase if full disclosure had been made, that is, if the breach of duty had not occurred. She could do neither, and in his Lordship's judgment her claim for damages must fail.

Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord Justice Mummery agreed. Solicitors: Alsters, Learnington Spa; Wright Hassall & Co, Learn-

Case management decisions

Grupo Torras SA and Another v Al Sabah and Others (No 2) The Court of Appeal should be

show to interfere in the decisions of a commercial judge on applica-tions dealing with case manage-ment, unless persuaded that the judge had seriously erred or had reached a manifestly unjust conclusion.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Saville, Lord Justice Judge and Sir Patrick Russell) so held on March 2I dismissing an appeal by Mr Paul Dawson, filty-fourth defendant to an action by Grupo Turras SA and Turras Flosiench London Ltd alleging fraud, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Riv on February 14, 1996 of his application to strike out the claim. The court also relused Mr.

Dawson's application for leave to

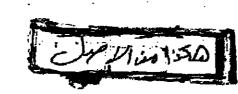
appeal against the judge's refusal

to order that conflict of laws questions be decided as preliminary issues LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE Said

that the Court of Appeal should be very slow to interfere with the decision of a commercial judge on an application to strike out unless persuaded that the judge had gone seriously wrong or had reached a manifestly unitest conclusion. Dealing with such applications

was part and parcel of the case management system in the commercial court. It was not the Court of Appeal's function to oversee or direct such

ದು ಉಗಾಗುಲ್ಲಿಯಾರು. The judge's ruling not to order a preliminary issue was another example of case management. cial court judge and not the Court of Appeal



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CRICKET: OXFORD'S EIGHTH-WICKET PAIR RESTORE TARNISHED RE

ATION OF UNIVERSITIES

Fulton and Scrini stage rescue mission

THE PARKS: Oxford University, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 343 runs

WHEREAS the opening day of this match was so one-sided in Durham's favour as to be embarrassing, the Oxford performance yesterday was much more in keeping with the traditional values of university cricket and worthy of a sunlit day in the incomparable set-

Victory, however, remains beyond them. Their collapse on Tuesday evening to 36 for six on a good pitch saw to that, but, despite the loss of Hudson in their second innings, honour has been at least partially

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of App

zes

James Fulton, a left-handed Etonian freshman, joined with Alex Scrini, the wicketkeeper, in a partnership of 79 for the eighth wicket. Both went on to reach a halfcentury, both played with great good sense against the best that Durham had to offer and, although this left Oxford 200 runs adrift on the first innings, Durham now at least know that they have been in a

Durham gave their prolific opening batsmen of the first innings a rest, but, against the formidable quartet of Speak.

SCOREBOARD

DURHAM; First Innings 353 for 2 dec (J.J.B. Lewis 210 not out. P.D. Collingwood 107). Second innings
J E Monts c Laughton b Mather

odras (w 2. nb 2) Total (3 wids dec) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-71, 3-122, BOWLING: Averis 9-2-31-0, Patel 14-4-36-1; Byrne 7-0-27-0; Mather 13-4-38-2; Ightfroot 9-0-12-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings

Total (1 wks)

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.

BOWLING: Brown 2-2-0-1; Betts 2-2-0-0.

Morris, Boon and Speight, the university bowled and fielded well enough to restrict them to about three runs an over. picked up three wickets and probably did enough to prevent Andy Flower, their coach, who arrived from Zimbabwe early yesterday, from turning round and taking the first plane home.

David Boon, another recent arrival, eased sedately into his first half-century for Durham. He sees the plight of his adopted county in a similar light to that of his native Tasmania in their early Sheffield Shield days. What with their gifted new players and the tough attitude displayed by Boon, both before he reached 50 and when he declared to leave Oxford 15 minutes' batting. Durham will be shrewdly led.

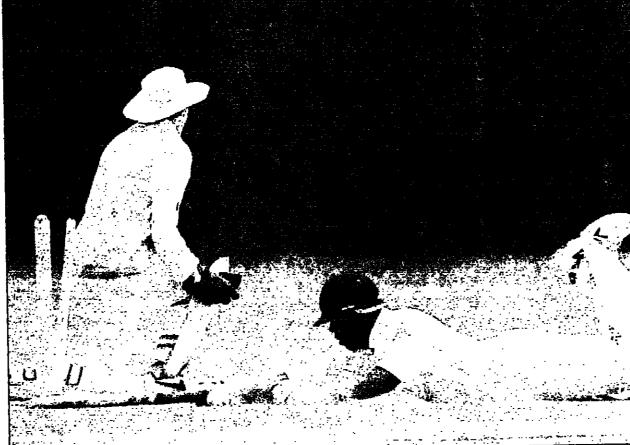
Oxford's recovery to 153 from their overnight score of 36 for six exceeded all expectations and was an uplift for the sagging morale of those with the future of university cricket at heart. This was especially so after the day's second over had seen Patel become Speight's third victim behind the stumps, without addition to

It was a long haul to respectability, but Fulton and Scrini set about their task with resolution. They also dis-played sound defensive technique against Betts and Brown, both of whom contin-ued to move the ball around at a lively pace.

By the time the spin of Cox and Boiling was introduced, Fulton was well into his stride, mixing a number of fullblooded drives with a nice line in fours through or over the

By the time he had been caught at slip, he had hit nine fours from 109 balls. His example was all that Scrini needed to come into his own. His innings came to an end partners as Betts polished off the tail and finished with a career-best six for 51.

Boon's decision not to enforce the follow-on left the stage to Morris and Speak. However, Speak was leg-before, half forward to the persistent Patel, and Morris chipped Mather to mid-off just as he was blossoming. Boon restored order, however, before edging to Scrini and giving the Oxford wicketkeeper a day to remember.



Rollins is run out after failing to beat House's throw at Fenner's yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Rollins tunes up at his leisure

By Ivo Tennant

FENNER'S (second day of three): Cambridge University. with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 64 runs behind Derbyshire

ENTHUSIASTIC and gambolling though they were. Cambridge University were no match for the professionals yesterday. It has been well documented before, if not always at such an early stage of the season. They resume today 64 runs behind Derbyshire with just one recognised batsman and the tailenders remaining.

Derbyshire took their prac-

tice as they pleased. There were runs for Rollins, who struck 79 off 170 balls, and Clarke, who added a halfcentury to three wickets on his debut. Leicestershire, for all their expertise at turning bitsand-pieces players into decent professionals, could not make a cricketer of the latter, so he finds himself, at the age of 25, Nottinghamshire sign fast bowler

ve signed Mohammad Zahid.

the promising young fast

Waqar Younis's home town,

after the Pakistan board gave

its approval to the one-season

deal earlier this week (Simon Wilde writes). Zahid will play

Burewala.

fitness, will have to find a place for him if he continues to perform like this. His chance should come.

Aiready, Barnett has back trouble. Jones is recovering from an ankle injury and Hayhurst, too, has to adapt to a new county. He was out for a duck yesterday, leg-before playing back and crookedly. Derbyshire also have to con-

tend with Malcolm taking a shire, who are working on his benefit - Nelson Mandela is a patron - and mollycoddling Cork in the national cause. It is asking a lot of them to improve on being runners-up in the championship.

Between lunch and tea. Derbyshire's cricket meandered. Rollins and Adams had gone by then, one very well run out by House and the other caught at deep mid-off after driving Freeth, the Cam-

FENNER'S SCOREBOARD

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ha- of overseas player intended over Shahid Afridi, another M. J. Hoogaard C. Haynes b Martin M. J. Haynes

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First lawings 195 (ET Smith 85)

Second Innings J Ratiedge tow b DeFreilas ET Smith b Dean "A Snigh b Makolim W J House : Harhurst b DeFreilas R O Jones not out
Q Hughes Ibw b Dean
M W Dawson Ibw b Dean tD P.H.Chuston not out ... Total (6 wkts)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-39, 2-44, 3-59, 4-74 5-74, 6-74

Zealand all-rounder. It was

established last month that

Cairns would be unfit to bowl

this summer and subsequent

discussions with Lance

Klusener, the South Africa all-

However, six days before

they open their defence of the

Britannic Assurance county

rounder, fell through.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innancy
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A.N. Hayhurst Ibw b. P. S. Jones
Y.P. Clarke Ibw b. Freeth
M. J. Vendrau C. Dawson b.R.O. Jones
18. M. Inti-Eer not out
P. A.J. Der Freeth
G. M. Roberts not out Erlaa: (b 23, lb 12, w 2) Total (7 wkts dec)

talented young Pakistani.

Matthew Wood, on

debut, and Bradley Parker

provided the substance of

Yorkshire's total of 289

against Lancashire in the

four-day match that started at

Headingley yesterday.

Headingley Vesteruay.

YORKSHIRE: Fits Immigs
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B Parker not but
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A G Whan of Hintot b Fates
G M Hamitton of Haynes b Yates
G J Batty low b Yates

bridge spinner, twice to the boundary. These were essentially lapses in concentration. After that, Krikken and Ruberts had succinct, unbeaten was made before tea.

this season, Tennent and Janisch. Both are Blues. As for their batting, it will need to be carried by Smith. He again made runs, but not enough. Dean beat him with late swing and had Hughes leg-before three balls later.

Maleoim was too quick for Singh and DeFreitas, before he limped off with hamstring trouble, collected two wickets. Each bowled well enough to trouble better batsmen than these. Had this been a championship encounter and not what amounts to a practice match for Derbyshire, the extra half hour would have been claimed. As it is, the students will do well to survive

innings until the declaration Cambridge are without two of the howlers whom they expect to make up their attack

refreshing laughter. Lomas's 21-12, 19-21, 21-14

of stubbornly-chopped defence, concluded by a sudden flashing top-spin attack. It caused her opponent to miss.

carried Holt to 8-4 in the second game, and did much to finish the match psychologically as a real contest. However, Jing's efforts in

TABLE TENNIS

Lomas hits heights to lift England into final

By RICHARD EATON

LISA LOMAS, sometimes lubbing the ball as high as 20 feet. defended magnificently to help the England women's team reach the final of the Commonwealth championships at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, vesterday.

Lomas, the former European finalist, won both of her singles matches and the doubles with Andrea Holt as England beat Australia 4-1 to achieve their sixth victory in a row. They thus emulated the men, who reached their final

on Tuesday. The men take on India today as clear favourites. However, the women need Lomas to be at her chopping. floating best if they are to bring down a Singapore side containing Jing Jun-hong, born in Beijing and the most talented woman in the tournament.

Lomas certainly dealt well with the Chinese-born Australians. She ensnared the lefthanded Yvonne Li. once of Shanghai, in a web of spins from an early stage and was well worth her 21-10, 21-11 win. However, the mure resourceful Shirley Zhou played out some clever railies by varying the pace of her top-spin loop attacks and inspiring Lomas to some of her most spectacular long-distance retrieves.

Not until Lomas hit six lobs in a row to reach 11-6 in the third game, and four more to reach 18-12, did she clearly get on top. This prompted Zhou to toss down her bat twice with

win, which finished the match, was one of the highlights of the tournament, while Zhou's earlier win over Nicola Deaton, the English national champion, suggested that she will trouble good players.

Earlier, Holt overcame Tammy Gough, another lefthander, in straight games, unleashing one startling rally

winning twice as Singapore beat Canada 4-0 suggested that England will need all of this again, and more.

GOLF

Carter aims to build on powers of recovery

FROM MELWEBB

THE WEATHER on the Côte d'Azur is unseasonably chilly, but to David Carter every-thing is beautiful. Only seven weeks ago he was found unconscious in his hotel room while he was preparing to play in the Dubai Desert Classic, and what followed makes the blood curdle just to think about it.

Carter, 24, does not remember leaving the Emirates Club that day in February, and he still does not know how he got back to his room. He was found by lain Pyman and Roger Wessels, golfing rivals but personal friends, and they immediately alerted the medi-cal authorities. They probably saved his life. "If they hadn't found me when they did. I don't think I would be here today," Carter said yesterday.

Carter was in hospital for three weeks, and it was well into the second of those before he knew what he was doing there or what he was saying to the doctors or his family, who flew out to be with him. The problem was a virus that caused fluid on his brain, and the doctors had to drill a small hole in his skull and drain the fluid off before they could prescribe antibiotics to deal with the virus.

It is a comparatively small surgical procedure, but nonetheless one that might have saved his life. He has been left with impaired short-term memory, but what is un-dimmed is his recollection of a fine performance in the Cannes Open last year.

He played so well then that the tournament this year, which starts at Royal Mougins near here today, has become a target for him, and, no matter how he performs this week, it is a personal triumph that he has made it.

Carter brought the Royal Mougins layout to its knees on the second day, when he broke the course record with a 62, and he then pushed Raymond Russell, the Scot, all the way on the last day before capitulating to his rival's birdie-birdie finish to lose by

two shots.
That memory will be with me for ever," he said. "Although I'm not nervous now, I am a little worried about olaving again. I would like to start well, but truthfully I don't know what is going to

happen."
Nine of the top 20 players in the Ryder Cup points list appear here this week. They have what some might consider larger fish to fry. Carter, on the other hand, is just happy to be alive and well and swinging a club again. He already has his prize before he

for his country in the Inde-pendence Cup in India next month, but the board has said championship. Leicestershire that he can return for the are no nearer to settling on whole of 1998 if Nottinghamtheir overseas player, after the shire want him. Zahid, 20, fills the position

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CHANGING TIMES

IN BRIEF Two-year ban for

LANCASHIRE: First knnings

THE Pakistan Cricket Board has banned Aamir Sohail from all first-class cricket for two years, after its disciplinary committee said that he had failed to provide any evidence in support of his allegations that some unspecified Pakistan Test players had been indulging in gambling.

Sohail

Rugby union: The Rugby Football Union (RFU) will announce today new sponsors for the first and second divisions of their club league competition next season, expected to be Allied Dunbar. the assurance company. The finals of the RFU's intermediate and junior knockout competitions, at Twickenham on May 3, will be sponsored by NPI, the pensions company.

ice hockey: Great Britain gained their second convincing victory in two days, defeating Denmark 9-1 in Katowice. Poland, yesterday on the fourth day of pool B of the world championships. Steve Moria scored a hat-trick.

Cycling: The British Cycling Federation and Tony Doyle, its former president, have settled all outstanding litigation to end their 15-month dispute. Doyle, the former world pursuit champion, has accepted £30,000 in set-

Rugby league: Hull, the first division leaders, yesterday won the race to sign Jason Laurence, the Australian full back, from Salford. St Helens out Dean Busby, the former Hull and England loose forward, up for sale at £75,000.



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FOOTBALL

Game Chesterfield rest their case over fixture chaos

changing them. It's not on."

Trafford, with half a mind on

the replay at Hillsborough

We played the strongest side we could and I thought

we put up a decent show." he

said. "In the end, we were

possibly unfortunate not to get

a point. If I'd played a lot of the

other lads, they would not

have been fit. It was as simple

second automatic promotion

position, courtesy of Carl Asaba's 23rd goal of the sea-

son. Though they were uncon-

vincing, it was enough to lift

them above Stockport, who have two games in hand.

"We have raised the issue

on a number of occasions and

have repeatedly got the same answer," Kelly said. "They seem to be hell-bent on reduc-

ing top divisions to 18 clubs.

We have tried to persuade

them that this is illogical

because what happens in

English domestic football

does not effect the European

handed down that do not

reflect the real world and

don't recognise that the Coca-

Cola Cup has an honourable tradition. Uefa are being in-

consistent in promoting other competitions that are far less

attractive to the paying public.

Uefa of English football's

seem to understand that there

are 92 professional clubs."

"It is difficult to persuade

"We don't want dictats

Brentford moved into the

next Tuesday.

as that "

FA supports struggle

for Uefa Cup place

GRAHAM KELLY, the chief competition will disappear

MUCH has been made of the tired lament from Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, about how many fixtures the FA Carling Premiership champions have to cram in before the end of the season. Middlesbrough and Stockport County have been similarly afflicted, but spare a thought for Chesterfield. They conclude their campaign with a strength-sapping run-in of seven matches in 15 days.

There is no moaning and groaning from John Duncan, the Chesterfield manager, however. He gets on with the job in his usual polite, calm manner and accepts that success will have its consequences. Chesterfield have made their bed, by reaching the FA Cup semi-finals, and they will happily lie in it.

We must have got as many games left to play as anyone in the country." Duncan said at Griffin Park on Tuesday night, having watched his depleted side lose 1-0 against Brentford in the Nationwide League second division. We've got two games in midweek next week and two

executive of the Football Asso-

ciation, has given his backing

to the Football League in its

attempts to retain the Uefa

Cup place for the winners of the Coca-Cola Cup (Russell

Kempson writes). After this season, Uefa, the European

governing body, has decreed that the League Cup winners

will not receive automatic

Kelly is in Geneva today,

2006 World Cup finals. Yet he

is also concerned about Uefa's

efforts to deny the League its

Uefa argues that, despite

repeated requests, England

has not fallen into line with

most leading European coun-

tries by reducing the FA

Carling Premiership to 18

ance, the Uefa Cup place

granted to the lesser cup

traditional European place.

ng England's bid for the

qualification for Europe.

"We're dying for a break, we'd give anything to have an extra period in which to Bury moved two points clear at the top with a 1-0 victory against Crewe Alexandra. Ronnie Jepson's fourthspread out the fixtures a bit minute goal extending the club's unbeaten record at Gigg better, but you can't just throw that in at the end of the season. We all know the rules when Lane to 21 matches. They have we kick off and you can't start drawn only five at home and conceded just seven goals. "Our home form has been outstanding and we're in a great position now," Jepson After the memorable 3-3 Cup draw against Middles-brough, Chesterfield were unable to reproduce their heroics said. "It's very tight at the top, of two days earlier. Duncan but, if we can win our two remaining games at home, that should be enough to take rested nine of the players who had started the tie at Old

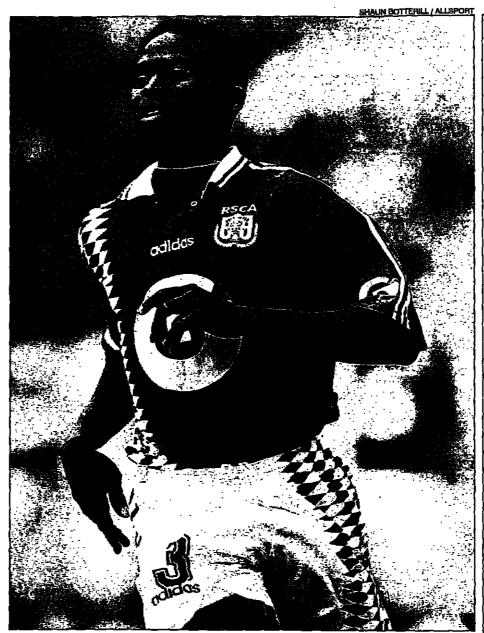
> Bury are seeking promotion in successive seasons. "Nobody fancied us after we were promoted from the third division and I think we were one of the favourites to go down," Jepson said, "but we've got on with it quietly and worked really hard as a squad. There are no superstars here, and we don't get too much recogni-

> tion, but that suits us." Luton Town suffered a setback when managing only a 0-0 draw away to Blackpool, but Bristol City enhanced their chances of qualifying for the play-offs with a 2-1 win against Wrexham at Ashton Gate. Julian Goater secured victory with his 22nd goal of the season two minutes from time.

> In the first division, Barnsley edged a step nearer membership of the top flight for the first time when they defeated Oldham Athletic 2-0 at Oakwell. They are now seven points ahead of Wolverhampton Wanderers, the thirdplaced club. "We're concentrating on the job in hand and not worrying about anyone else," Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said. "We want to win promotion on our own merits and not by somebody else's downfall.

There's been a lot of talk about nerves, but the lads are very relaxed about the situation. They have had a lot of attention already and I think they've handled it very well. They have a great determination to see things through and I don't think anything will

Crystal Palace resurrected their hopes of reaching the play-offs when they beat Stoke clubs. Thus, by way of pen-strength in depth. They do not City 2-0 at Selhurst Park, week. De Pot said, but he Bruce Dyer scoring both goals in the first half.



Babayaro struck gold with Nigeria in the United States last summer

Babayaro ready to join ranks of Chelsea's foreign legion

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

omitted from the Ireland

squad for the World Cup

group eight qualifying match

against Romania in Bucharest

on April 30, but Mick McCar-

thy, the manager, would not confirm that McGrath, the

Derby County defender, 37,

Wales in Cardiff in February,

had played his last match for

several times this week and he

agrees with the decision as he

is still suffering with injuries."
McCarthy said. "Paul can

play in one game and miss the

next one. In the long term, he

wants to clear up these inju-

ries. The more games Paul

of playing." Earlier this

month, McGrath was with-

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"I have spoken to Paul

his country.

who won his 83rd cap against

Paul McGrath has been

CELESTINE BABAYARO, the Anderlecht and Nigeria international defender, could be the next foreign player to be recruited by Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, who is assembling one of the most exotic squads in the FA Carling Premiership at Stamford

Robert de Pot, the deputy manager of the Belgian club, said yesterday that Anderlecht and Chelsea had reached an agreement in principle on Babayaro's transfer after negonations on Tuesday.

Babayaro, 18, a member of Nigeria's gold medal-winning team at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, is to meet Chelsea representatives again next declined to give details about the size of the fee.

drawn from the squad just half an hour before the team flew to Skopje for the 3-2 defeat by Macedonia.

With Jason McAteer and Alan McLoughlin suspended, McCarthy has recalled Ray Houghton, the Crystal Palace midfield player, Gary Kelly, Curtis Fleming, David Savage and David Connolly, Richard Dunne, 17, the Everton de-fender, is selected for the first

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CRICKET

Rival factions unite behind Chanderpaul

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

RAMSHACKLE Guyana. where the mond has been somewhat sombre recently after the death of a popular president, Cheddi Jagan. should recover its customary insouciance today when the fifth and final Test match between West Indies and India begins at the Bourda Oval here.

A crammed ground is expected, full-throated and full of five-star rum. With more than half of the country's population descended from Indian plantation labourers, shipped over by the British in the last century, touring Indian sides have always pulled in the crowds for reasons of sentiment.

Yet, although the loyalties of the Indo-Guyanese are often tested when West Indies plays the team from their "mother country" which has often led to lively exchanges of abuse and fisticuffs with the more conventionally patriotic black - the home side can now count on their raucous support thanks to the presence in the team of Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

This sugarcane-slim fisherman's son, who averages nearly 50 after 20 Tests, his confidence boosted by his maiden century in the third Test in Barbados, is the cement in the brittle middle order. More like Larry Gomes than Rohan Kanhai or Alvin Kallicharran, the other two Indo-Guyanese batsmen to have shone for West Indies.

The dogged Chanderpaul does not have an exotic range of strokes. Wisely, he leaves the fireworks to Brian Lara and Carl Hooper, both of whom have also taken centuries in this series off a limited, if big-hearted, India attack

With local experts predicting a "lowish, slowish, turner", India look set to play Anil Kumble, the leg spinner, and Sunil Joshi, the orthodox slow left-armer.

In fact, judging from the hints dropped by Sachin Tendulkar, the captain, at the final net practice, India would appear inclined to field five specialist bowlers. with all three seamers — VPresad, D Garest.

Venkatesh Prasad, Abey Kuruvilla and Dodda Ganesh - also being given a game. The last named had a rewarding match against Guyana, which finished earlier this week, picking up six wickets in the game as India warmed up for the Test with a 91-run victory.

Sourav Ganguly, who has looked fragile against the short-pitched ball in this series, is likely to be dropped, with the combative Aiay Jadeja retaining the opener's berth at Laxman's

Still mortified after throwing away the third Test, at Bridgetown, which seemed to have been handed to them on a platter when West Indies were shot out for 140 in their second innings, In-dia, I-O down, must win this Test if they are to avoid yet another series defeat in the Caribbean,

It is difficult, however, to see how they can do so and a high-scoring draw is the most likely outcome, for Hooper and Chanderpaul should be able

to milk India's attack at will.
Courtney Walsh, for his
part, will plump for the
textbook formula of four fast bowlers, with the charge led by Franklyn Rose, the find of the series.

Rose, an athletic oft 5in Jamaican, has bowled at a greater pace than his creaking partners, troubling the India batsmen with inswingers delivered from wide on the crease.

Rose, who smiles more often in a match than most pacemen in a lifetime, is the latest in a distinguished line of West Indies fast bowlers to make their mark in a debut series against India.

Roy Gilchrist, Andy Roberis and Malcolm Marshall all began life as "baby quickies" against obliging India batsmen, and Rose has bowled as menacingly as any of his great predeces-

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

There was some good psychology followed by intelligent technique on this hand from the TGR high game. Howard Cohen, the proprietor, was South, playing with Zia Mahmood.

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Zia's major-suit inquiry, Zia

Pass All Pass up with the ace of hearts to card heart suit in response to

reasonably enough punted Six Hearts. line that evaded three interna-West (Gunnar Halberg, Sweden international and topclass player) led a trump. Now, what was that all about? One thing was certain - it was not from Kxx. To lead from that would frequently help declarer, either by eliminating a guess or by creating a tempo — if declarer had the ace, he might be able to draw two rounds of trumps and then go about his business in

the other suits. So the two key heart holdings for West on which the declarer's play would make any difference were 753 or K 753. Cohen guessed well by playing for the former, going

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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drop East's king.
It was not all over, though, Cohen now found a sure-tricks tional players when shown the hand as a problem. Cohen drew the remaining trumps and played three rounds of spades, ending in dummy. When West turned out to hold four. Cohen ruffed dummy's fourth spade in his hand. He then ruffed a low club in dunimy, played a diamond to the nine and laid down his hand. West was endplayed. and had to concede the twelfth trick in either diamonds or

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Political chess

Continuing my occasional series in the run up to the general election on chessplaying politicians, the game today is a sample of play by Lyndon Harrison, MEP for Cheshire West and Wirral. His opponent was none other than Garry Kasparov, the world champion.

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Lyndon Harrison Simultaneous display Chester, 1989

French Defence Bxd2 10 Bb3 Nbc6 Ba6 cxd4 ge 0-0-0 Kb8 Qa7 Boa Boa2 Ros Kas Kas Ros 21 Be2 22 Oxe2 23 Ob5+ Ntxc2 Ob6

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position

is from the game Chasdan — Ussakowski, Soviet Union, 1964. White is down on material, but his pieces are

swarming over the black

kingside. How can he now

Solution on page 54

conclude his attack?

Ned3 Rxa5+ Kxa7 Oxb4 Rxb4 Black resions Diagram of final position

are taking part in the UK Chess Challenge for children, 24,000 schoolchildren, aged from seven to 18, are taking part in a knockout tournament that will culminate at the Royal Festival Hall, in London, in August for a chess challenge supported by Save the Children and Kasparov

The best players will go through from various age-

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Chess for children 725 schools across the country

Chess Computers.

groups to 13 regional finals on May 3 and 4, while the top 400 will congregate at Notting-ham University later in the year to decide the top 16, who will play off in London. This will be the largest chess competition to be held in this

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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RACING: BALDING BULLISH AFTER HIS SELKIRK COLT ROUTS FREE HANDICAP FIELD

Hidden Meadow reveals classic potential

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

IF YOU take the words of wisdom spilling from the lips of trainers as guidance to a horse's chance, make your way to the nearest betting shop this morning and grab what remains of double-figure odds about Hidden Meadow for the Pertemps 2,000 Guineas.

lan Balding has experienced more than his fair share of highs and lows in racing so as not to get carried away, but the Kingsclere trainer was bullish about Hidden Meadow's classic chances after his livelength success in the NGK Spark Plugs European Free Handicap at Newmarket yesterday.
I think he goes to the 2,000

Guineas with an outstandingly good chance," he said. He then proceeded to compare the winner with his sire, Selkirk, whom Balding guided to champion miler status in 1992 "Selkirk was half a horse at two and a proper horse at three. This horse could be the same. He's improved a lot physically and done tremendously well. To be honest, I think he is better than his father was at this stage — he's bigger and stronger.

Television viewers latched on to Balding's encouragement and the Tote, which cut the winner's price from 50-1 to 14-1 after the race, then went 10-1 after laying him to lose

£70,000 in 15 minutes, including £10,000-£700 twice. William Hill took similar evasive action and offered II-I. Ladbrokes kept him at 12-1.

Interpreting the value of the race is tricky as the field dawdled in the early stages. The slow pace persuaded Frankie Dettori to take the lead on the 5-1 joint-favourite and, when he quickened going into the Dip, Hidden Meadow galloped away from his rivals in taking style.

The manner of his success

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CRIMSON TIDE (2_30 Newmarket) Next best: Grapeshot (3.00 Newmarket)

appeared to have taken even Dettori by surprise. "He's very big and I didn't think he had that much speed but any horse who wins a trial by five lengths you have to respect very much. The winning margin says it all."

Well, almost, in fact the victory will provide Dettori with an accurate idea as to where he stands with Shamikh, the once-raced Chesham Stakes winner, who is the Guineas favourite and arrives from Dubai later this

Dettori said: "Shamikh has wintered very well and gives all the vibes that he is going the right way. The track in Dubai is faster than it was last year but he recorded a faster time in a trial than Mark Of Esteem did last year. He has done everything we asked of

Granny's Pet won the battle for second place behind Hid-den Meadow, which offered some encouragement to Paul Cole, whose 2,000 Guineas hopes include Putra and The West. "Putra beat Granny's Pet on the gallops the other day, but not by five lengths. Nevertheless, it gives me en-couragement for Putra, and I expect The West to run well in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday."

With several 2,000 Guineas runners unlikely to have a prep race, the season's first classic is going to take some unravelling. To complicate matters, rumours were rife yesterday that Revoque, the leading two-year-old last season, galloped disappointingly at Manton earlier this week.

Rebecca Sharp has been one of Newmarket's talking horses over the winter and she lived up to her reputation by winning the Geoffrey Barling Maiden Fillies' Stakes in the style of a group horse and received a 20-1 quote for the 1,000 Guineas from the Tote.



Hidden Meadow storming clear in the Free Handicap at Newmarket vesterday

3.30 Captain Collins 4.05 Yorkie George 4.35 Opposition Leader

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 CAPTAIN COLLINS. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Generous Gift. 3.00 GRAPESHOT (nap).

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2.3U GREENE KING FEILDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: listed race: £10,193: 1m 11) (7 runners)			
201	(5)		RECONDITE 200 (C,F) (P Savill) M Chann
202	(2)		BARMAN SANTS 167 (E S) (Autocloid S)

3720- RECONDUITE 200 (C.F.) (P.Savill) M (Channon 9-0 ... L. Ucesum 88
1172- BARNAM SAROS 167 (F.S.) (Ayeksul (Fams.) | Dunlup B-11 ... Pat Eddey 94
110-1 BOLD WORKS 8 (F.D.F.E.S) (M A) Ablaturur F Eurolop B-11 ... K. Fallon 89
21- CRAINSON TIDE 180 (C.S.) (C. Weight) I Hills 8-11 M Hills 87
12- FAHRIS 178 (F) (In al-Maidscord B Horbury 8-11 R Hills 91
212- PAMAMA CITY 178 (F) (R Sangster IP Chapte-Hydro 8-11 J Reid 6
146- ENDEY VALUE 1-198 (FO SC Heart M Struic R-1) To Chino 84 1998: STORM TROOPER 8-11 Par Eddery (2-1 Sw) H Cecil 11 Fam

RECONDITE 1961 2nd of 7 to Equal Rights in group | good in firm) CRIMISON TIDE best Danetime 11 in 6-things can here (71, good). FAHRIS need 2nd of 4 to River Ust in conditions race here (71, good). BRUD WORDS best Handsome Ridge neck in 6-nimer conditions race at Ripon (1m 11. Selection: BOLD WORDS (rap))

3.00 CITY INDEX CRAVEN STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O colls and geldings: £19,188: 1m) (8 runners)

1996: BEAUCHAMP KING 9-0 J Reed (9-2) J Dunlop 5 ran

DESERT STORY beat Royal Amareto %i in 8numer group IX Vocations Horris HiR States at
Newtury (7 64yd, soff).

AIR DEPRESS head and need: 3rd of 8 to in
Command in group ID bentures States here (71, good) on permittings start.
By Depress head Stays 1146 in 18-numer
matter at Dentaster (1m, good to fron). GRAPF-

3.30 BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY GOLDEN JUBILEE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,503: 61) (12 TURNETS) 24- BB(TANG THAOR 180 (A Shah) P Cole 9-0

C5- BLOOD ORANGE 187 (G Margarom) E Margarom 9-0

23- CAPTAN COLLINS 173 (B Sangator) P Capte 4-1

HYPE SUPERIOR (R Cor) A Barby 9-0

O AND FRINCE 182 (For Score Facing) C Marray 9-0

MASTERPIECE 22 (Lady Tencard) R Harrom 9-0

MICHAN CALL 19 (L Gaucch M Bell 9-0

SHADODF (Mas H Lany) W Mon 9-0 1998: UIDNOZE B-11 J Rest (Evens tay) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

BINTANG TBMOR %1 2nd to Damces With Disams in marden at Assot (6), good).

If m, solt), DANDY REGENT 3/51 Sin to Startmore Clear in madden at Kemplon (7), good) MASTER-PECE 11 2nd to Sterpo Wasst in marden at model of the course and distance (good), CAPTANH TOURIS 61 3rd to Tempting Prespect at Newtony Sedection: BINTANG TIMOR

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88 bounds in latest race). Soing on which torse has ten (f — firm, good to firm, hard 5 — good. S — soit, good to soit, heavy? Duner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight Ritter plus any adjournice. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.05 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS HANDICAP

1998: GALINE 8-1 3 Sanders (8-1) W 0'Gorman 15 nas FORM FOCUS YORKEE GEORGE short-head and 6f 3rd of 13 to Jeffrey Anotheried in nursery at Doncaster (7f, 5rd) ARRICHAM 6'Ai and head 4th of 7 to Doncard Droo In conditions race at Salestumy (5l, firm), ELENS LAD neek. 7rd to Bruta Factosy in handicap at Doncaster (5l, firm), ICE AGE best Cavas Royale Selection: 'ELLENS LAD

4.35 STUNTNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0; £4,347; 5f) (7 runners)

5.05 CITY INDEX POLITICAL BETTING CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,213: 5f) (6 runners) (1)

BETTING: 9-4 Second Wind, 4-1 Chetzin, 5-1 Risky Whisty, Miquelon, 11-2 Arpeggin, 6-1 Anvil 1998; MUCHEA 9-4 R Hughes (8-11 lav) M Channon 4 can

Grapeshot can strike target

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

2.00: The handicapper should have the measure of several in this big field, so it may pay to side with a lightly raced horse. Sir Talbot impressed at Leicester most recently and enters calculations on that effort. So does River's Source, who confronted a talented opponent in Fly To The Stars last time. Bold Oriental will be straighter for his Kempton reappearance and has pros-pects, but Generous Gift is taken to extend the rich vein of form of Ed Dunlop, his trainer. The colt improved on his last outing and could prove well handicapped.

2.30: Fahris should improve as he steps up in distance and his narrow Pontefract defeat by Entice reads well. Crimson Tide has been working well and the recent victory of his stablemate, Reunion, lends encouragement. Shock Value makes more appeal, however. Off course for four months, he shaped as though this trip would generate improvement when fourth over seven furlongs here in October. Bold Words will be prominent with fitness on his side but Barnum Sands and Panama City may be better for the race.

3.00: Grapeshot, reportedly more forward than his winning stablemate Poteen, gets the vote in what appears a closely matched field. This admirable colt improved



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

throughout last season and his positive attitude will be an asset. Desert Story, who handled himself well in the staying juvenile tests, signed off with a rugged victory in group three company at Newbury. That earns him a 3lb penalty which may just find him out. Cape Cross and Monza, the latter harshly demoted after winning in France in October. will reportedly improve for the outing. Pelham spreadeagled the opposition at Kempton. but has more on his plate now.

3.30: Captain Collins deserves another chance now that he drops back to sprinting. This brother to the Breeders' Cup Sprint winner, Lit De Justice, raced beyond six furlongs on both occasions last term and does not appear overfaced here. Masterpiece made a pleasing debut at Folkestone recently and looks sure to improve, but this is a tougher assignment. Bintang Timor disappointed last term and may be best watched.

JULIAN MUSCAT

VESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Geing: good
2.05 (7f) 1, CHICKAWICKA (T Sprake,
33-1): 2. Tragaron (T Oulnn, 4-1 fav); 3,
Emerging Market (K Darley, 14-1). 4, How
Long (L Dettor), 7-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Madiy
Sharp, 10 Highborn, Wid Roc. 11 New
Century, 12 Concer thr (Str), 14 King Or
Pent. 16 Cyrano's Lad (Str), 14 King Or
Pent. 16 Cyrano's Lad (Str), Prends Ca.
Sassedo, 20 Babsy Baste, 33 Definad
Feature, Pengaron, Rusey Streat Girl, Zurs.
18 ran 19, 13-L, shird, rk, shird B Palling at
Coulondge, Toter 552-70; E8 10, £1 80,
E3 30, £1.70, DF; £152 10, Tro. £535 40
CSF. £144 37. Treast £1,843,81. Trun
25.55ce.

CST. \$144.37. Intest £1.84.51. Intest £2.85.55.ec.
2.55 (1m 1) 1. ALI-ROYAL (K Fallon, 11-4 tav. Private Handleapper's top rating and Nowmarkot Correspondent's nap); 2. Wholm (Pat Eddeny, 9-1); 3. Amrak Alesb (M Parmer, 12-1) ALSO RAN 4 Rocky Osals. 13-2 Fantsen, Restructure, 17 Russian Alusic, 20 Achame (5th), Prince Baber, 25 Behaviour (4th), 50 Dreams End (6th), 11 ran. 2, nk, 134, nk, 134. H. Ceol at Newmarket, Toter £2.90, £1.50, £3.00, £4.00 DF: £11.70. Tno. £113.10 CSF. £23.53 tam 50 456ec.
3.05 (7t) 1, HIDDEN MEADOW (L Deton, 5-1)-law); 2. Grammy is Pet (T Quern, £2-1), 3. Rich Ground (J Reid, 33-1), ALSO RAN 5-1 ji-law Reiderschum (6th), 6 Andreyev Jahr, 13-2 Groom's Gordon (5th), Myzasins, 8 Jahrel 9 Proud Nelve, 12 Mulanddar, 20 Onsele Cen 11 ren. 3. El Walleddar, 20 Onsele Cen 20 O

8 June 9 Proud Nates, 12 Mulandian, 20 Ometa City, 11 ran 5, 14, 14, 14, 14, 15, 16, 18 Balang at Knossler 10to 95,50: 2250, 23 80, 25.30 DF: 254.40, Trio: 2369 80 CSF: 250.32, Tarast: C1,142.43 1min

25 60sec 3.40 (1m 4) 1. ANGUS-G (K Darley, 4-1 lav); 2. Galapino (G Barchiell, 10-1), 3. Hazard A Guess (Alex Grazies, 8-1); 4. Bowled Over (M Roberts, 14-1) ALSO RAN 8 Florentino, Remasci Sun, 10 Albeha, 14 Totem Dances, Tracasobility, 16 Al's Alisti, At Liberty, Remai, 20 English Invader, Prince Dancig (5th), 25 Tawasisk (6th), 33 Classic Find, Mukhiles, Song 0't The Suord 18 ran, 1%1 lb., 1%1, 1%1, 3 hb., Mrs. M Reveley at Salbum Toter 64 AG, 20 Res 6, 22.20, 22.50, 23.30 DF: E37.30 The £156.10 CSF c37.81 Throast, 1220 46, 2min 33 68sec.

237.81 Tricasi. (229.46. 2min 33 69sec 4.15 (76) 1. REEBECCA SHARP (M Hills. 4-6 lay); 2. Delitah (W R Symburn, 6-1), 3. Change For A Suck (K Fellon, 9-2), ALSO RAY: 14 Sharfayah (4th), 16 Gingeraras (6th), 20 Gonig Green, 25 Forthyn, 33 Delus, Kazranga (5th), Misry Rain, Perfethorpe, 100 Sour. 12 ran 34; 16, 134, 141, 41 GWrang at Newmarket, Tote; 21 60; 2120, 21.80, 21.90 DF; 23.80, Tho 23.50 CSF: 04 87, Innin 27 05sec. 4.45 (5i) 1. PACIFICA (L Debort, 6-1); 2. Glooms (A. Fellon, 5-1); 3. Goling Places (Martin Dwyer, 20-11 ALSO RAN, 2-1 lay Composition (6th), 3 Jewel (5th), 14 Days Of Graze (4th), 16 Coudherry, 20 Tinos Island, 66 Summer Day Blues 9 ran, 251 hd, 251, th Id, Nr. R Boss as Newmarks, Tote, 22 (7); 61 10, 51 60, 53 80 DF; 618 80 Tino: 294,10 CSF; 526 71 timin 00;90sec.

284.10 CSF: E26.71 timin 00.90sec
5.20 (1m) 1. DOKOS (K Fallon. 9-2), 2, Reggile Buck (R Fisterch. 33-1); 3, Lord Eurolink (T Ounn, 16-1) ALSO RAN-100-30 tex The Prince (1sh), 11-2 Alfannan, 8 Darcy, 10 Berthind The Scenes, 14 Cobile, 20 Burinto, Go Hence, Patnol Garnes (6th, Water Flower, 25 Lighten Up, Prince Of Bhutar, Sequice Prince, Warningford (5th, 33 Grend Hotel, 50 Big Target, Georgie Verture, Rath 20 ran 3, rk, sh hd, 11, 21 H Cecil et Newmerket, Tote, 25 10; E2.10.

Placepoi: £54.40.

Quadpot: £20.70.

25.00, £3.50, DF, £127.30 Trior £403.00 CSF, £144.30, 1min 41.05sec Jackpot: not won (pool of £17,409.25 carried forward to Newmarket today). Placapot \$82.40.

Pontefract

Going: good to firm, irm in places 2.45 (SI) 1, Young librit (J F Egon, 16-1), 2. The Boy John (4-1), 3, Mennin's Boy (5-2 r-far) Benardo Bellotto 5-2 R-fav (0 ran NR Leether And Scrim, Shd, 1 NI P Evers Tote, 226 O; 22.60, 5130, 5160, DF-661 30 Ting 536-80 CSF-574 15 30 (SI) 1 Densitle Ullivers (M.1), 2 Sona

to 30 Inp 130-80 CSF Y/A 15 3.25 (6) 1, Daywille U, Weerer, 10-11.2, Song Met (11-2), 3, Falls, O'Moness (12-1) Bold Cayle 2-1 kar 13 ran 3, 14, J Barry Tote 27 70; 22-60, 22-60, 24-20, DF, 226-20 Tro-2/75-20 (part utor; pool of £301-23 camed forward to 4.05 at Newmarket today) CSF 260,02 Tricast, 2531.82 3.50 (m 2 6yd) 1, Kyle Rhee (W Rvan, Evens lev); 2, Jaunty Jack (2-1), 3, Red Guard (6-1) 10 ran, Nk, 91 H Ceci Tote, 61 90, 61 10, 51 10, 51 60, DF 52.40 The 53 00 CSF 52.84.

4.25 (Jm. 4yd) 1, Gold Lance /B Hughes, 11-11; 2, Square Mile Miss (20-1); 3, Dictinon (10-1); 4, Monts (23-1); 1, Lock Sayle 3-1; lev 18 ren NR. Bold Habit, Mass Carottena, Nr. 2% R. O'Sushwan Tote, 214-30; 52-30, E9 70, 22-30, E7 03 0 DF, E300 60 Tino 5212-00 CSF 5218-54 Tricast, 51,275-02. S.00 (1m 4yd) 1, Foliate Perfect (C Rutler, 18-1); 2, Rapter (7-1); 3, Captain Scoti (12-1). Over To You 2-1 fav. 1f ran W, 3' P Cole Tota: £18 80, 53 40, 52 90, £30 DF-236,40 Trio £116 30 CSF £121 54 5.50 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Pandolino (G Carter, 9-1), 2, Fether Dan (7-1); 3, Jean Pierre I4-1), haringn'is Pet 7-2 law 13 ran. H, 2 bid M Brittam Tore: 69 10, 62,10,12,00,122,00 DF 237,60 Tho £109,40 CSF £64 88 Tricest 1274 29

Placepot: £382.40. Quadpot: £51.30.

Cheltenham

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Going, good to firm, firm in places
2.20 (2m i.i. Indie) 1, Tolesthath (R. Johnson,
5-4), 2, tung Oi Sparie (Evens tev); 3, Disterd
Storm (9-1), 5 ran, NR Sapphare Son, 13, 4),
D Nicholson, Toter 2:10, 21.20, C1 30, DF
51.30, CSF 62.62
2.55 (2m 110yd chi), Saek The Faith (R
Dunwoody, 2-1 tev); 2, Newtanda-General
(9-2); 3, Red Bean (11-4) for an 11-16, M
Shepperd, Tote, 52.60, 51.70, 52.40, DF
55 10 CSF 59 72
3,30 (2m 51 10yd hole) 1, Courbant (A P
McCoy, 11-4 Say; 2, The Tossach (11-2); 3,
El Don (3-1) 9 ran 2; hd, M Poe Tote,
51.10; 51.50, 51.60, 51.60, DF, 55.40, Tho
514.20 CSF 51.781, Treast, 544.87
4,00 (3m 2) 110yd th), 1, Double Sik (Mr E E1420 CSF £178. Inciss. 144.07 4.00 (3m 2) 110yd chy. Double Sik (Mr E Williams, 15-8 lav); 2, Some-Toy (13-2); 3, Rusty Bridge (14-1) 8 ran 111, 111 R Williams Tote: £2.40, £1.30, £2.40, £2.00 DF: £15-90 CSF £13.91

USF £13.91 4.95 (2m 51 chi 1, Formet Invitadion (R Johnson, 5-21, 2, Wee Windy (3-11; 3, Greenbach (5-6 lav) 4 rsr. 9(61 D Nicholson Tote £3.60, DF £3.60 CSF £9.07.

THEON. THUNDERER 2.10 Erro Codigo. 2.40 Ansellman. 3.10 Get The Point. 3.40 Michael Venture. 4.15 Silverani. 4.45 Sing With The Band.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SHAROW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,132: 51) (9 runners) 2-1 Prose, 3-1 Occla Verdi, 7-2 Somasierra, 8-1 Emp Codigo, 10-1 billiers.

2.40 COPT HEWICK CLAIMING STAKES

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANKERS: J Denko, 11 winners from 38 supports, 28.9%, S Woods, 3 hom 12, 25.0%, L Content, 8 from 33, 24.2%; M Johnston, 16 from 100, 16.0%, 8 Hanbury, 4 from 25, 15.4%; J Berry, 18 from 117, 12.7%. 13.7% 200KEYS: D Linbara, 4 winners from 15 ridge, 26.7%; J Wester, 17 from 83, 20.5%; 6 Carter, 9 from 66, 13.6%, D Hierason, 4 from 33, 12.1%, J Tale, 7 from 59, 11.9%, Only qualifiers.



3.10 COCKED HAT COCK O'THE NORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,205: 1m) (11)

3.40 FARM FED CHICKEN HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £3,371: 1m 4f 60yd) (9)

3-1 Hadaniz, 7-2 Time Can Tell, 5-1 Michael Vertare, Sad Mad Bad, 6-1 Mulaban, 7-1 Noble Investment, 8-1 Cassic Myslery, 10-1 others.

4.15 ELANDERS UK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,550: 1m) (8) 2-5 Saharani, 7-1 Fauna, 8-1 Zoom Up, 10-1 Heart Ol Gold, 12-1 others

4.45 NEWBY APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,706: 5f) (19)

(£2,705: 51) {19}

1 (5) 5025 CHADWELL HALL 9 (V.CD.F.G.B) S Bowing 6-9-12
F Boyle (10) 90

2 (19) 040- LADY SHERIFF 180 (B.D.F.G) M W Exterior 6-9-12
C Lowete (3) 93

3 (18) 4010 RAMSEY HOPE 40 (V.C.D.F.G) C Fathurs 4-9-9 J Dermit 98

4 (3) 0-00 BARATO 17 (D.F.G) Mar. J Ramodon 6-9-8 Chair West (8) 93

5 (9) 0-33 TROPICAL BEACH 7 (D.F.G) J Berry 4-9-7 P Bradley (10) 93

16 (4) 0-00-6 RMER TERM 176 (9) J Bradley 4-9-8 J Powle (5) 99

6 (4) 0-00-6 RMER TERM 176 (9) J Bradley 4-9-8 J Powle (5) 99

7 (2) 350- MED'S BONANZA 178 (D.F.G) M Models 19-4 P Protected (5) 90

8 (14) 3500 SME WITH THE BAND 9 (D.F.G) B McNebon 6-9-3 S Righton (6) 97

8 114) 3500 SING WITH THE BARD 9 (D.F.G) B McMaham 6-9-3 Shighton (5) 9 (12) 06-8 BARMANAK 22 (20).6) G McChart 5-9-2 R Shighton (6) 10 (1) 0-61 JUNYSD 3 (D.F.) J Shide 4-9-2 (Tax)...... J McAstry (5) 11 (10) 00-0 RCH GLDW B (D.F.S) N (2004) 6-9-1 A McCarty (5) 12 (16) 14-20 KALR 17 (B.D.F.G) D Crapman 9-9-0 T Shides (5) 12 (16) 14-20 KALR 17 (B.D.F.G) D Crapman 9-9-0 T Shides (5) 13 (15) 202-0 OMMRELE 190 (C.D.F) T Existry 5-8-13 Carolyn Bates (5) 14 (8) 0-12 SLX COTTAGE 9 (D.F.G) R Windows 5-8-12 ... P Doe 8 15 (13) 0-43 DOUBLE COCAR 56 (10) McChart 4-9-10 Journa Davies (10) 9-16 (11) 0-01 McChart (10) 11 (11) 0-01 McChart (10) 0-01 M Junto Becco (5) 65 -304 DISSENTOR 16 (V.S) J Stores 5-7-12 R Resident (5) 88 7-1 Moranti. B-1 Kater, Tropical Beach, 9-1 Silk College, 16-1 Senso. Bommelle, Johnyro. 12-1 others.

THUNDERER 2.20 Fiddling The Facts. 2.50 American Hero. 3.20 Red Blazer. 3.50 Cariboo Gold. 4.25 Real Tonic. 4.55 Skiddaw Samba. 5.25 Cherry Dee.

2.20 BREATH OF FRESH AYR NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: \$2,632; 3m 110yd (11 numers) NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: \$2,632; 3m 110yd (11 numers)

7 511P SPRING DOURLE 13 (0.5) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-12 C Linwellym

2213 MagPer MECODY 17 (0.6) L Lungo 6-11-7 B Gratian (5)

3 0 BRIGHT RAME 36 Miss 5 Edwards 5-11-2 Mr T Hills

4 1423 RDDLMG THE FACTS 26 (5) N Hendelson 6-11-2 Mr T Hills

5 05P MAUTILIS THE THIPD 83 M Hammons 6-11-2 R Gently

7 213P RAMER BAY 26 (5) Miss 3 Hungis 6-11-2 J Culloy

8 1245 SHARMANDON Of 3 Hungs 5-11-2 J Linghing

9 0 DOWS 0 27 L Lungo 6-10-11 J Linghing

10 004 MY MANOURMER 27 Mrs 5 Bentlance 5-10-11 Mr M Bradiums (7)

11 SPRINGLE TOWER R Naun 4-10-8 B Storey

7-4 Fadding The Facts, 3-1 Spring Double, 5-1 Have Bay, 6-1 Magpie Metody,

14-1 Double, Standiumand, 18-1 others.

2.50 ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS NOVICES CHASE (£3,630: 2m) (9)

2-1 Garolo, 9-4 American Hero, 5-1 Singing Sand, 6-1 Power Pack, 7-1 others.

3.20 FRIENDLY HOTELS HOVICES HURDLE (£3,386: 2m 4f) (16)

(£3,386: 2th 41) (16)

3 3-11 RED BLAZER 78 (D.S) Mass H Kingke 6-11-12 J Osborne
2 02U1 ZANDER 17 (G) N Tutston-Dunies 5-11-7.... C Lienzellyn
3 1252 ARDARROCH PRINCE 17 (G) Mrs M Revely 6-11-2. P Niven
4 10P. BOXERIONE MAN 390 (S) J DN 7-11-2. M A Rizgarald
5 10 CHERRYMORE 84 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-2. M P Nicoy
6 40P. SHORTSTAF 490 Mrs L Persal 8-11-2. P Carberry
7 00 SMART W SOCKS 153 Mrs L Passed 6-11-2. A Thornton
6 6UD STAR MASSER 118 P Norther 6-11-2. L Unyer
9 F1F HARBET HOUSE 35 (S) R O'Sullivan 4-11-0. N WINGARDSON
10 P009 BONNY REG 19 L Lorup 5-10-11. T Reed
11 0 NORCH SERVICE 678 15 P Hobbs 6-10-11. S McDougal
12 PP. MANNES TURN 336 W Kerry 6-10-11. S McDougal
13 0860 POT BLACKSERD 17 R Lee 8-10-11. S McDougal
14 5 APACHE LEN 82 M Hammond 4-10-9. R Garritry
15 REGAL EARLE 67 M Hammond 4-10-9. R Gortheoody
16 0 HORNITOUR HOUSE 17 J Gottle 4-10-9. R Optivision
16 1 HORNITOUR HOUSE 17 J Gottle 4-10-9. R Optivision
17 Port Blazer, 7-1 Zander, 8-1 Marter House, 12-1 Arbaroch Prince, 14-1 4-7 Red Blazer, 7-1 Zander, 8-1 Harbet House, 12-1 Ardamoch Prince, 14-1 Cherrymore, Knightsbodge Grif, Regal Eagle, 20-1 others.

3.50 GEORGE GRAHAM MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£5,118: 3m 1f) (14) 1 031F SENERAL PERSHING 25 (CD.F.S) D Micholson 11-12-0 R Johnson 2 -213 WHSPERMG STEEL 47 (CD.S) 6 Richards 11-11-11 R Dezwoody 4.25 EAGLE TAVERN'S NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (\$4,432: 2m 51 110yd) (14)

CHASE (£4,432: 2m 51 110yd) (14)

1 TRIS THE REVENEUD BERT 26 (0,6) 6 Buding 9-12-0 A Butter (5)

2 1231 REAL TOMOS (10 (£,6) 6 Richards 7-11-7 (6e) ... P Carberry

3 -10P LIEN DE FAMILLÉ ES (F,5) 4 Châm 7-11-6 ... P Milen

4 4133 SLUTAMATICUE 73 (BF.F.S) 6 Richards 8-11-4 R Dunmondy

5 2125 COURL LANE 10 (£,BF.E.S) J Dun 10-11-1 ... D Parter

6 1222 10CHOLAS PLANT 40 (C,BF.F.S) J Godde 8-13-13 ... 6 Carbil

7 1111 RED BRANCH 26 (F,6) J Ming 8-10-8 ... I J Morphy

8 1921 KINGS SERMON 17 (£,6) P Resurront 8-10-7 ... L Wyer

9 SPP2 BALLYLUE 17 (B) W Kemp 6-10-8 ... J J Calleghan

10 F115 GAELUS BLUE 17 (BF.G) Mins S Smith 7-10-3 ... R Guest

11 4441 LE DEISTAN 19 (D,F,S) Mr. D Treuston 10-10-2 R Johnson

12 0313 CORSTON JOINER 17 (BF.G) L Largo 7-10-3 ... F Guest

13 5537 BOB NELSON 721 P Beaumont 10-10-0 ... C Lievellyn

14 PSP MINOT/STOWNBUSNIESS 17 R 16 B-10-0 ... B Fanton

14 PSP MINOT/STOWNBUSNIESS 17 R 16 B-10-0 ... B Fanton

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10 PSP MINOT/STOWNBUSNIESS 17 R 16 B-10-0 ... B Fanton

10 PSP MINOT/STOWNBUSNIES 17 R 16 B-10-0 ... B Fanton 3-1 Red Branch, 7-2 Real Tonic, 6-1 Greek Blue, 6-1 The Reverend Bort, 10-1 Len De Farolite, Coqui Lare, Kinga Sermon, 12-1 others.

4.55 ROYAL BURGH OF AYR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,292: 2m) (14)

4-1 Fen Teniar, 5-1 Samanko, 6-1 Sakddaw Samba, 7-1 Nashville Star. 8-1 Catadino, 10-1 Rachiae's Owen, 12-1 others.

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liger Woods, the new and ridiculously youthful Colossus of golf, who, in four days of the Masters tournament, transformed the game and captured the imagination of the world, has posed a difficult question for many a pushy parent: If you reckon your child might have what it takes to be a future sporting champion, how early should you start the preparation?

Earl Woods, father of the new champion, tells us simply that "Tiger knew how to swing a club before he could walk." According to the instant legend-weavers. Tiger slipped out of his high-chair at ten months, picked up his father's putter and started to swing.

In 1978, aged two, the young Woods appeared on television swinging a putter with Bob Hope. At the age of three, he shot a 48 for nine holes on the Navy Golf Course in Cypress, California. He was featured in Golf Digest magazine by the age of five. By the age of eight, he had won the international junior world tournament.

He was certainly no late developer and, as well as getting his hands on putters while others were still getting theirs on rattles, we know that his father was making use of his military training to strengthen Tiger psychologically. Tiger has never met anyone as mentally stong as himself," his father growled, "and never will."

There has been much talk of Woods as a role model, of how he will inspire a legion of young, black golfers, but the emergence of this child into full-grown golfing genius will also provide another, and different, role model - a pattern for the ambitious parent.

Many will wonder if Woods Sr did everything right by starting so early, or did he just get lucky with a prodigy who was going to make it anyway.

There is evidence, scientific and anecdotal, that, in order to succeed at golf, or any other game involving skill. you cannot start early enough. Dr Robert Arnot, founder of the Lake Placid Sports Medicine Center, in his book SportsTalent, says that "if you want your child to have a chance at uncovering all of his or her genetic athletic ability, you should begin creating a proper environment of stimulation as soon as possible after he or she is born".



Gallacher watches as Hodgson drives at Wentworth in December

The sports scientists say that, while the development of ability varies from sport to sport and child to child, there are two vital stages. First come the "motor-skill acquisition years", which last from birth until four. Later come the "heart-lung muscle development years", which begin at puberty.

To maximise the skills needed to play sports like golf, tennis, football, skiing and any racket or ball game, you need to start working on patterns of move-

ment from the day of birth. During the first two years of life, more of what the scientists call "primary motor skills"

are acquired than at any other time. Many believe that all the skills that one will ever have are acquired by the age of four. Any new skills developed after that age, from playing a game to flying a plane, are just new combina-tions of skills already learns:

Most children will start using these skills for sport at around the age of

aerobic sports, those needing endurance and strength, are developed later, and there is no point in trying to acquire endurance and strength before the growth-spurt of puberty.

Weightlifting or running for hours is a waste of time for the pre-adolescent child - the days could be better spent swinging a bat or catching a ball - but, once puberty sets in, the heart-lung package is more responsive to training than at any other time in life.

Woods seems to have got off to the perfect sporting start by first watching and then mimicking his father using a golf club — and doing so during those vital years from birth until four years of age. Intriguingly, if there is an up-and-coming British answer to Woods, it is a child who has gone through a

Eammon Hodgson, from Chester, has been hitting golf balls for most of his life. He stands just 3ft 10in tall, and is reckoned by Bernard Gallacher, the former Ryder Cup captain, to be the best six-year-old golfer in the world.

e began playing at the age of two after he saw Nick Faldo win the Volvo PGA championship on television. He simply mimicked Faldo's strokes with a stick and some nails he found in the garden. His father said he smacked him and sent him to bed.

"Next day, he was at it again," Mr Hodgson said, "so I went to the local rubbish dump and found an old club in a skip. I broke the shaft of it across my knee to make it short enough." This gave the two-year-old his first club, and his nickname - "Stiggy" - after the

children's book, Stig of the Dump. Last December, Stiggy played nine holes with Gallacher at Wentworth. and carded a seven-over-par 34 on a par-three course that he had never seen nor walked. He went on to Miami to the Doral World Open junior champ-ionship, where he lost the play-off to Johnny Del Prete, 16 months older and

He still hero-worships and mimicks Faldo, he has never had a golf lesson, but he puts in from four to eight hours practice at the Chester Golf Centre every day. His father, who does not play golf, makes vain efforts to get him to spend time fishing or playing football "just to break it up a bit".

His latest ambition is to win the Nan Rvan's junior championship, in Chicago, in June; but Stiggy is short of a sponsor. This week, Nike is reported to have done a \$40 million sponsorship deal with Woods. Perhaps the company could help this amazing six-yearold. After all, as any ambitious parent will tell you, when it comes to golfers these days, they may well be too old at

JOHN BRYANT

TELEVISION CHOICE

A new soap for the box

Springhill Channel 4, 6.00pm

For those who have not been following it on Sky. Springhill is a weekly soap opera set on a Liverpool council estate and concentrating on the lives of one family. You might not think that a single household could provide material for 26 single household could provide material for 26 episodes, though there are five teenage children to keep the plotlines spinning, as well as one very significant outsider. Let us deal with her first. Eva (Katharine Rogers) has come to avenge herself on the Freeman family for some past wrongdoing, the nature of which is not immediately revealed. But it is enough to throw Mrs Freeman (Gilly Coman) into emotional turmoil. With one of the offspring threatening to leave home to live with his girlfriend the family is seldom on an even keel. Unusuily among soaps, Springhill uses llashbacks and fantasy sequences to break up the seamless fantasy sequences to break up the seamless

Keeping Mum BBCI, 8.30pm

Peggy (Stephanie Cole) is a widow on the edge of senility, forgetful and a bit dotty, but perfectly capable of manipulating her two sons. Played straight this could be difficult to watch, particularly for families in similar circumstances. But Keeping Mum is a comedy and the pain is anaesthetised by jokes. There is an echo of Steptoe and Son in Peggy's use of emotional blackmail and in the inability of the younger son (Andrew Ball) to get away and lead his own life. The older son (David Haig) has made an escape of sorts, but at the expense of continuing recriminations. the expense of continuing recriminations. Surprisingly, since the transition works so well, this is a remake of a successful Australian series. There are plenty of funny lines and a superb performance by Cole, who achieves a depth and detail of character rarely found in sitcom.

Taste of the Times Channel 4, 8,30pm

After Delia Smith, Sophie Grigson is the most gimmick-free of television cooks, which does not mean any lack of enthusiasm for her subject. She also treads unfamiliar paths. Not many presenters would spend an entire series talking about greens.

Stephanie Cole as Peggy (BBCl, 8.30pm)

This time she concentrates on ingredients which This time she concentrates on ingreolents which were once only obtainable from specialist outlets but have gradually made it to the supermarket. She deals with three items per programme, starting with mangoes, chillies and wild mushrooms. Grigson first picks the brains of experts and then makes for the kitchen to rattle up some dishes. Her approach is practical and unpretentious and should intimidate nobody. For those of us who adore the taste of mango but find those of us who adore the taste of mango but find the fruit impossibly messy, Grigson is a godsend.

Horizon: Turned On By Danger

BBC2, 9.30pm Polly Matzinger is not the sort of scientist who usually turns up in Horizon programmes. She is a pushy, voluble American who turned to science after a career as a dog trainer, cocktail waitress and Playboy bunny. She studied the immune system and came up with an explanation of how it works which could improve the treatment of arthritis and cancer and enhance the success of transplants. The traditional theory was that the immune system was programmed to attack things that were foreign. Matzinger claims that the system is triggered by damage. Michael Mosley's film points out that Matzinger was not the first to say this. It also gives full voice to sceptics who say that her claim is untested. But she is a formidable proselytiser and you can understand why she attracts so much attention.

Peter Waymark

Hitting the Jackpot - Life's Just the Same

This is the last in what has been a surprisingly

successful series, and anyone suffering lottery-

fatigue who has avoided it thus far may care to tune in to have their perceptions either confirmed or overturned. From Elaine and Derek, who

bought a racehorse and opened an account at Courts, the Queen's bank, to Christine, who had a

loft conversion and a garage extension, the particants tonight demonstrate that most lottery winners do not start behaving as if there is no

tomorrow, nor do they turn to a life of hedonism. One might long for a little more imagination, but

at least most of the now wealthy winners have sensibly kept in touch with a life with which they were already comfortable.

Peter Barnard

RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 7.20pm

The Death of Football Radio 5 Live, 7,35pm

Although the title is melodramatic, this four-part series, presented by Rogan Taylor, does an important job and does it well. Football in Great Britain used to be predominently a working class game run in a slightly haphazard way for the benefit of people seeking a release from humdrum lives on a Saturday afternoon. The marketing men have changed all that: for new Labour read new Football. The game is undoubtedly more inviting and less troubled now, but Taylor asks what the social and financial cost of this revolution has been. The first programme has some salutory warnings from ordinary supporters, resentful at paying up to E30 a ticket for each game out of wages that Eric Cantona would regard as an insult.

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RADIO 2

6.00mm Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Donn 7.00 David Allan 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 Andy Peebles Soul Show 9.30 The News Fluckfings 10.00 Stand Up Two 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05mm Steve Madden.

RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

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WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

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VIRGIN RADIO

6,00em Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dena 1,00pm Jereny Clark 4,00 Nicky Home 7,00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10,00 Mark Forrest 2,00mm Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
Allegri (Miserere): Tchaikovsky (Suite No 4 in G.
Mczartiana): Haydn (Divertimento in E flat, Hil21,
Abendmusik): Janscek (Suite for Strings): Bax
(Romantic Overture)
9.00 Moraling Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes
Dellus (The Walk to the Paradisa Garden, A Village
Romeo and Juliet): Pergolesi (Salve Regina):
Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat, HXV29): Prokofiev
(Romeo and Juliet, excerpts)
10.00 Musicat Encounters, Chris De Souza. Includes
Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet): Czermak (Six
Hungarian Dances): Howells (Sanctus:
Benedictus, Missa Sabrinerssi): Nielsen (Trice
Pieces, Op 59): Wagner (Forest Murmurs):
Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 2):
12.00 Composers of the Weels; Forgotten Glants of
18th-Century Opera, Paul Guinery introduces
excerpts from two operas based on distinguished
filerary modals. Glovanni Palsietio's if Barbiere of
Sivide and Antonio Sallen's Falstati
1.00pm Eastern Approaches: Love, Betrayal and
Suicide. The series in which Roderic Dunnett
explores Eastern European opera. Includes
Stanislav Morauszko's Halka, Smetana's The
Devi's Wall and Foerster's Eva (24)
2.00 Quartet Trice. The first in a series of three
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Cuartet in A minor, D804)

3.50 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brebbirs. Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor) (r)

4.15 Ensemble, with Pentry Gore, A recital by pranist Kavin Kenner, Chopin (Pretude in C sharp minor.

Op 45; Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44; Waltz in A flat, Op 42) (r)
5.00 Muste Machine. Will Mentor talks to leading Dutch compose Louis Andriessen about his works such as Hocketus and De Staal
5.15 in Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter Includes Liszt (Tarantella, Venezia e Napoli); Ravel (Tagane); Bach (Organ Concerto in D minor); Elgar (Sea Pictures)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Jiri Belohlavek, Live from the Festival Hall in London With Janice Watson, soprano, Sarah Cormolly, mezzo, Barry Banks and Mark Lefforco, tenors. Andrew Greenen, bass. BBC Symphony Chorus Lubos Fiser (Filteren Pages from the Apocalypse by Duren); Haydri (Symphony No 103 in E flat, Drunroll) 8.15 Heaven's My Destination. Ed Bishop reads from the comic tale by Thomton Wilder 8.35 Concert, part two Schulbert (Massi No 6 in E flat, D950)
9.40 Amours de Voyage. The tourin of five selections from Arthur Hugh Giough's satrical novel Claude chases across Italy in search of Mary Trevellyn Read by Nicholas Boutton and Samantha Bond 10.00 Music Restored. Excepts from a concert given by Sequentic. last month in the Wigmore Half.

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10.45 Night Waves. Patrick Winght profiles the Dutch novelet, essayist and pool, Harry Mutisch, whose book Tre Assault was made into an Oscarvoveng likr

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11.30 Composer of the Week: Rozse (i)

12.30cm Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather and Cer
Cartwright review the new releases

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.
Includes at 5.00 Sequence

6.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30
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Conservative Party
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11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. Reports from BBC correspondents from around the world 12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current strains with Mark Whittaker.

12.29pm Kelly's Heroes. Chris Kelly explores the fite of the writer Malcolm Bagshaw (2/4) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Stipping Forecast 2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play; Webbly Eggs., by Mary Cooper A hard-hitting comody about the effects of drug dependency on two very different leves. A respectable middle-aged woman meets a 14-year-old jurkie who burgles her house. With Berbara Marten and Christopher Horner

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6.45 Death in Espec. Sue Monk recalls her time at the Job Club and her decision to try out teaching (3/3)

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Palmer and Smith looking for successful short cut

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GOTHENBURG

PAUL PALMER and Graeme Smith won Olympic medals last August, almost quit swimming in January and are now seeded second in their respective races as the world shortcourse championships start

here today. Their foe is Jorg Hoffmann, beaten by both Britons in Atlanta, over 400 metres freestyle by Palmer, the silver medal-winner, and over 1,500 metres by Smith, the bronze medal-winner, but who is now back to his best form. Hoffman, from Germany, a former world champion over 1.500 metres, is fresh from a winter World Cup season in which he set three European short-

course records. While Hoffman was touring the Far East and Europe on his way to becoming the World Cup distance freestyle champion. Palmer and Smith

were sunk in the deep depression that followed the realisa-tion that their Olympic successes had failed to relieve

their financial worries. Palmer's reaction was to turn away from Heathrow when he was supposed to board a plane to join lan Turner, his coach, for a training camp in Australia. Dave Calleja, Smith's coach, was also at the camp, leaving Smith behind to train alone and concentrate on his exams at Manchester University.

The return to Great Britain of Turner and Calleja turned the circle for the Olympic medal-winners, who both swam superb long-course races at the British trials for the European championships in Sheffield last week. The conversion from a 50-metre pool to a 25-metre, or shortcourse, pool should help both

swimmers, though neither is known as a short-course specialist. Susan Rolph and Mark

Foster, on the other hand, are known for their short-course expertise, with their pace off the start and the turns. The fastest entrants in the 200 metres individual medley and 50 metres freestyle, respectively, they are Britain's best hopes for gold medals.

The most spectacular sight of the championships is, ironically, likely to be the disappearance of Misty Hyman, the American teenager, in the butterfly races. She has invented the fish-tail kick, in which she swims underwater on her side, the movement mimicking fish and ensuring that none of the turbulence that she generates comes back at her but disperses sideways into other lanes.



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Questions of judgment, taste and humour

atching Nick Read's film Jurors last night (Mod-ern Times, BBC2), I was reminded of J.B. Priestley's dictum about theatre in England. The trouble with making a play out of English characters, he said, was that they just don't want to make a scene. Read's idea of talking to traumatised murder-trial jurors had a similar intrinsic challenge. They could tell us about the experience of being jurors, but of course were sworn to secrecy about proceedings in court, and proceedings in the jury room. Well, sometimes such problems can be turned to great advantage. English dramatists have famously risen to the Priestley challenge, ennobling reticence and finding tragedy in understatement. Could Read make a satisfactory film out of the agony of the invisibly gagged, against all the rules of telly?

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Well, as it turned out - almost. Jurors took half a dozen articulate

people, all of whom had served on disturbing murder trials. In one ways at night alternated with shots case, a small child had been battered to death; in another, newly-weds were shot dead in their home; one woman served on the trial of the Yorkshire Ripper. Interviewed in their homes, they recorded their horror at the evidence they saw, their unpreparedness for it, and the way they were dumped without a thank-you at the end, too scared to open their own front doors. It was certainly a new angle on the administration of justice - the juror as co-opted scapegoat, staggering away from court bug-eyed with shock, while the professionals dust off their wigs and shake hands. The lesson was clear. If there is any legitimate method of disappearing from the

electoral register, do it now. But to fill the big gaping hole in the stories. Read opted for alienating montage - and I rather feel he went an alienating montage too

ways at night alternated with shots from a train window, showing the backs of anonymous houses, while murder-story headlines (from Radio 4) reminded us of the evil that men really, really do in this unknowable world, the evil these jurors had been forced to confront. At the Ripper trial, the jurors were handed Peter Sutcliffe's chisels; at the Strangeways Riot trial, the jurors received threats against their families. "You must disregard such nonsense," the judge directed. But funnily enough, they couldn't, and they still can't.

"Talking of strange, alienating worlds. Home Front returned last week to BBC2, and already my lower lip quivers in consternation at the thought of it. Who are these people who decorate everything in sight? If they have so much time on their hands, why don't they read novels

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7.00 Emmerdale Has Mandy finally found her

7.30 The ITV 500: The People's Election
The Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell, his

Labour counterpart Chris Smith and

Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes take

part in the second prime-time political

Billy Murray as DS Beech (8.00)

8,00 The Bill: Flesh and Blood A couple's

8.30 Dead Silence (1991) starring Renee Estevez, Lisanne Falk and Came Mitchum. A drama about three young

Directed by Peter O'Fallon (93494)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Green

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (27982)

10.35 The West Tonight Update (791940)

12.40am in Bed with MeDinner (3110925)

3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (2505166) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (99924)

11.35 Frieze Frame (T) (960036)

1.10 Funny Business (4648741)

5.00 Garden Calendar (77586)

5.30 News (37383)

2.10 Stand and Deliver (r) (5920925)

3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (46203321)

1.45 Cyber Cafe (3973031)

11.50 Highlander (545611)

of him (T) (4340)

wedding anniversary ends in tracedy

when their baby is found dead, but Beech

knows the father used to have a repu-

tation for letting his temper get the better

fnends who run over and kill a stranger on

their way home from a drunken party

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

instead? Oh yes. Stencilling is the last refuge of the scoundrel, in my Johnsonian opinion. If a thing is not good unstippled, sir. you can be sure it is not good at all

What goes on behind those anonymous walls, eh? Pink fur is attached to mirrors; grown men spend weeks stripping old tiles; an expert in an apron makes a leather-effect screen out of paint and hardboard for only £35. Not much, I suppose. Yet for £35 he could have bought a day-trip to the seaside, with enough left for saveloys and a donkey ride. It depends on your priorities, and clearly Home Front and I have too few points in common. When somebody says "Now mix beeswax and turpentine and apply with a damp rag", I just laugh. It's as if they said "Now remove your own appendix."

The best bit of Home Front is always the moment when people are allowed to see what setdressing miracles the flame-haired Anna McKevitt has wrought in their bedrooms or kitchens, with only £100 to spend. But alas, her technique with gold paint and cheap cloth always reminds me of the line in Acorn Antiques when Miss Babs confesses to serving home-made oysters: Instant mashed potato and a heck of a lot of nail varnish." Their eyes wide and their mouths open, McKevitt's guinea pigs enter and sit down.

what you might call a leading

Yollyhurst isn't a district often heard of on television, so it was odd to have it mentioned twice last night on Channel 4, as the birthplace of Les Dawson (Heroes of Comedy) and as the site of Manchester's car pound (An Inspector Calis, on traffic wardens). Neither programme inspired a visit, but the two together made sense. Dawson always made jokes based on inversions - "The mice were throwing themselves on the traps"; "The bouncers were throwing the drunks in". Well, you might not pay much to visit Collyhurst, but people are quite eager to pay £105 to get back out again.

An Inspector Calls was good stuff, a bit slow, but full of bad

"Which bit do you like best?" she and an excellent starring role for always asks, rather cleverly. It's one unnamed warden, who quipped dangerously with people likely to knock him down. The point about parking offenders (which makes them good to film) is that they know they're wrong, and it makes them furiously angry. Years ago this nice warden was pushed through a shop window for issuing a £6 ticket. Passing a roadworks last night, he indicated it for our benefit. Traffic Wardens' Mass Grave," he said.

The material in the Dawson tribute was familiar, but for once the assorted talking heads (John Cleese, Alan Plater, Ken Dodd, Jane Horrocks) added more than they subtracted from proceedings. What was most striking, though, was the list of forgotten shows from which the clips were drawn - Holiday Startime, The David Nixon Show, Sez Les, Dawson and Friends. I mean, what?

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (54825) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (70573388) 9.05 Election Call Liberal Democrat Simon

10.00 Style Challenge (69543) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (40933) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4452123) 11.05 The Realty Useful Show (9995814) 11.35 Change That (6326388) 12.00 News (?) regional news and weather (4129291)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (5771920) 12.35 Good Living (9502291) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) and weather

1.30 Regional News (50149475) 1.45 The Weather Show (39630982) 1.50 Neighbours (T) (22567630) 2.15 Quincy (r) (3672543)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (8543) 3.30 Ptaydays (r) (6817901) 3.50 Postman Pat (6985307) 4.05 Feiix the Cat (r) (5012475) 4.20 Julia Jekyfl and Harriet Hyde (r) (T) (5093340) 4.35 Return to Jupiter (T) (7239291) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5980340) 5.10 No Sweat (T) (2887681)

5.35 Neighbours Ramsay Street pays homage to the departing Rebecchi family (r) (T) (351369)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (524) 6.30 Regional News (262562) 6.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Green Party (230123)

7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck A report suggesting school chairs could be causing long-term damage to children's backs, and how some truit-flavoured "spring waters" may contain unacceptably high sugar levels (1) (7104)

7.30 EastEnders Ricky's stag night proves a memorable occasion (1) (388) 8.00 Animal Hospital Rolf Harris and the staff

> of Hampden Veterinary Hospital deal with more cases, including a cat with an Knight and Shauna Lowry go out-and-about meeting the wildlife of the surrounding countryside (1) (9272)

8.30 Keeping Mum Saga of the tireless demands of an aceino mother (T) (8307) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather

9.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats (172901)

10.00 Mrs Merton in Las Vegas with Hollywood star Bo Derek, who spills the beans about her marriage, and singer Englebert Humperdink (32814) 10.30 Question Time John Major Joins David

Dimbleby to answers viewers' questions on a wide range of issues (T) (38494) 11.30 A Cry in the Wild: The Taking of Peggy
Ann (1991) with David Morse, Megan
Follows, David Soul and Dion Annesco

A psychotic mountain man kidnaps a girl with the intention of training her to become his wife. Directed by Charles Correll (T) (68123) N.I. 12.00-1.30am Film: Cry in the Wild

1.00am - 1.05 Weather (6436499)

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6.00am O.U.: Questions About Behaviour (2159901) **6.25** A Conflict of Interests (2178036) **6.50** Hearing the Call

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

BBC2

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7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turties (r)
(4044369) 7.55 Blue Peter (T) (r)
(5539543) 8.20 Fireman Sam (r)
(3021562) 8.35 The Raccoons (r)
(9757901) 9.00 Developing World
(3392746) 9.25 Christanity in Today's
World (8830524) 9.45 Watch Out
(2030920) 10.00 Teletubbes (67185)
10.30 Storytime (2256727) 10.45 The Experimenter (5111123) 11.05 Space Ark (4440388) 11.15 Moving to English (4457036) 11.35 Britain Since 1930 (T) (6317630) 12.00 The Bible in Animation (T) (39727) 12.30pm Working Lunch (66369) 1.00 Lifeschool (70576456) 1.25 Science in Action (64997104) 1.45 Numbertime (50135272) 2.00 Fireman

2.10 The Village (65761217) 2.35 True Romance, Last in series (4851272) 3.00 News (T) (7423388) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9653123) 3.55 News (T) 4.00 Blockbusters (6551949) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (6554036) 4.55 Esther (9620369) 5.30 Today's the Day

6.00 Star Trek; Deep Space Nine A celebration ends on a sour note when news comes through of a threat to Federation colonists (1) (844982) 6,45 Quantum Leap Sam materialises in 1862

on the front line of a casualty-strewn Civil War bettlefield (r) (T) (255369) 7.30 Regional Programmes (630) 8.00 Ken Hom's Hot Wok (r) (7) (7814)

WALES: That Saturday Night Magic 8.30 Top Gear Volvo's new C70 Coupe and a limited-edition Vectra (6949)

9.00 Snooker: The Crucible - 21 Years in the Frame (3/3) The 1990s (T) (8901)



Professor Polly Matzinger (9.30pm)

9.30 Horizon: Turned On by Danger Charling Professor Polly Matzinger's life from former bunny girl to her rise to tame as a leading scientist (T) (224901)

10:20 Trade Secrets (125253) 10.30 Election Broadcast: Liberal Democrats (T) (378746)

10.35 Newsnight (T) (197678) 11.30 Election Broadcast: Green Party (1) (475543)

11.35 Late Review (830291) 12.15am Animated 2 (5141215) 12.25 Weather (3132147)

12.30-6.00 Learning Zone Insights into Violence (26799) 1.00 Challenges faced by three US companies (31857) 2.00 Numbers in daily life (16079) 4.00 Scottish Gaelic (52673) 5.00 The Small Business Programme (10895)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9513307) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1362659) 6.25 Lifeline (247253)

6.30-6.55 Central News (257630) 10.45 Film: The Boost (364017) 12.45am Funny Business (32470) 1.15 Ed's Night Party (7544963)

1.40 Club Nation (4667876) 2.40 Access All Areas (3037321) 3.10 Stand and Deliver (4417437) 4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (6238334) 5.20 Aslan Eye (2218499)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 illuminations (4125475) 12.55 Home and Away (2800630) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (70572630) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1362659)

6.00-6.55 Westcountry Live (585727) 10.45 Moments of Madness. An examination of bullying in schools (742889) 11.15 Roadrunner (497712)

11.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. Night Fever and Gigolo (380611) 5.00am Freescreen (77586)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (9513307) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1362659) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (361272) 6.25-6.55 Grass Roots (379291) 10.35 Meridian News and Weather (579720) 10.50 Film: I Love You to Death (79033475)

5.00am Freescreen (77586) ANGLIA As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglis Air Watch (4104982 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9513307)

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10.45 The Road Show. A new motoring magazine series (742889) 11.15 Crime Special Update (497712) 11.45 Hunter (380611)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (93185) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (98543) 9.00 Bew (44659) 9.30 Film: First Lady (60678) 11.00 Australia Wild (9908388) 11.25 Pete S Specialty (4448920) 11.35 Extreme (3001765) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (84765) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (63228386) 1.15 Deri Deg (11790271) 1.30 Collectors' Lot (41486974) 1,55 Racing from Newmarket (56997765) 3.50 Fifteen-to-One Final (5672456) 4.30 An 3.50 Fifteen-to-One Final (5672456) 4.30 An Inspector Calls (369) 5.00 5 Pump (3098) 5.30 Countdown (949) 6.00 Newyddion (985901) 6.05 Heno (389678) 6.35 Bob Yn Ddau (254543) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (49999) 7.25 Talwrn y Beirdd (495185) 8.00 Yng Nghwmni — Caryl (2982) 8.30 Darllediad Etholiadol Gan y Democratiad (Rhyddfrydol 1957878) 8.00 Pumplifyddion (2017) 9.05 (137348) 8.35 Newyddion (231307) 9.05 Heroes of Comedy: Les Dawson (134388) 10.05 Etholiad 97 (975185) 10.15 Film: The Tall Guy (294748) 11.55 Party Election Broadcast (489746) 12.00 Midnight Special (190037) 1.35am Witness (4666147)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (93185) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (98543) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (44659)

9.30 First Lady (1937, b/w) with Kay Francis as the granddaughter of a former American president who is determined to gel her Secretary of State husband into the Oval Otice. Directed by Stanley Logan (60678)

11.00 Australia Wild (r) (9908388) 11.25 Pete Smith Specialty (b/w) (4448920) 11.35 Extreme (r) (T) (3001765) 12.30pm Light Lunch (70291) 1.30 Low Season. A short Insh (ilm (41486974)

1.55 Racing from Newmarket Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.00. 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30 races (56997765) 3.50 Fifteen-to-One Final (T) (5672456) 4.30 Countdown (T) (369) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (3098) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (949)



Coman and Barlow (6.00pm)

6.00 Springhill New drama set on a Liverpool housing estate. Jack and Liz Freeman race against the clock to get the children ready for Grandad's funeral. With Gilly Coman and Jonathan Barlow (T) (1/26) (T) (562)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (814) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T), includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (426920)

election issues (T) (158340) 8.00 Mad About Machines Harold Bailey's tascination with cinema projectors (4/6)

(T) (2982) 8.30 Taste of the Times Sophie Grigson explores the new

ingredients of British cooking (1017) 9.00 Voters Can't Be Choosers presented by Vincent Hanna. An audience of

frustrated voters ask politicians from the three main parties why they are not being given the chance to vote for what they lieve in (T) (503494) 9.45 The Long Johns Election Specials The

second of four conversations between John Bird and John Fortune (T) (900611) 10.00 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole Meera Syal tries to arrange a marriage for the comedian (r) (T) (4/6) (25524)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats (363814) 10.35 Northern Exposure Offbeat Alaska-set

magic trout (1) (163611) 11.35 The Naked Truth American comedy series starring Tea Leoni. Nora is duped

12.00 Midnight Special Discussion series chaired by Sheena McDonald (190037) 1.35am Little Monsters (1989) starring Fred Savage, A quirky child-horror story, directed by Richard Alan Greenberg

3.25 Schools (560586) 5.25 Backdate (r) (T) (7389383)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News Earty (7682456) 7.30 Havakazoo (2702814) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2320543)

8.30 Wideworld The House of Representatives (2329814) 9.00 Espresso (5329765)

10.00 Exclusive (6637814) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (r) (T) (2349678)

11.00 Leeza (9569562) 11.50 Double Espresso (45133307) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Taylor is still desperate to escape from the Prince (T)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9214746) 1.00 5 News Update (92237982) 1.05 Sunset Beach Annie is implicated by the findings of the report (T) (6339456)

2.00 5's Company (6225681) 3.30 Children of the Bride (1990) with Rue
McLanahan, Patrick Duffy and Jack
Coleman. A widow is taken aback by her
children's reaction to her wedding to a
man much younger than herself. Directed by Jonathan Sanger. (4217185)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14173611) 5.25 Election Broadcast on behalf of the Green Party (14172982) 5.30 100 Per Cent Quiz (1286949)

6.00 Whittle Quiz (T) (1276562) 6.30 Family Affairs Angus, Duncan and Chris lall out over the domestic duties (T)

7.00 Exclusive Gossip (1184098) 7.30 Waterland: When the Tide Goes Out The variety of life found on the tidal shore (T) (7464524)

7.55 Election Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Democrats (5742659) 8.00 Nancy Lam Oriental cookery with Nancy and her husband Ben. Special chicken;

Thai noodles with prawns (1) (1193746) 8.30 5 News (1172253)



Inventor Harrison Ford (9.00cm)

9.00 The Mosquito Coast (1986) with Harrison Ford, Helen Mirren and River Phoenix. The story of an eccentric inventor's attempts to bring civilisation to jungle.Directed by Peter Weir (1780185) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and chat (1537007)

11,40 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Comedy game, with Rhona Cameron and Martin Coyote guesting (2474920)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Featuring soccer action from the US Major League and highlights from the lop Latin American leagues (72475091) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6499321)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5377302)

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8.00em Morring Giory (410253) 9.00 Regis and Kathle Lee (70746) 10.00 Another World (39614) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (59678) 12.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (25036) 1.00pm Geraldo (49776) 2.00 Sally (25.156) 1.00pm (36730) (16779) 3-ms) Jessy Roptmet (35776) 3.00 Jerny Jones (66122) 4.00 Oprah with the Stars (20017) 5.00 Star Tesk. The Next Generation (4369) 6.00 Real TV (8889) 6.30 Married — with Children (4611) 7.00 The Simpsons (5098) 7.30 M*A*S*1 (3123) 8.00 Third Rock from the Say (4746) 8 at 0 The Natury (3253) 9.00 The Nat Generator (1123) 8.00 Intro Hock from the Sun (4746) 8.30 The Nanny (3253) 9.00 Seriled (19901) 9.30 Med About You (26765) 10.00 Chroage Hope (56920) 11.00 Selina Scott (21746) 11.30 Star Trek The Next Generation (11253) 12.30am LAPO (66321) 1.00 Hit Mix (6236050)

7.00pm Superboy (4414017) 7.30 Super-boy (3167814) 8.00 Stiders (1539630) 9.00 Highlander (1559494) 10.00 Tel. War (1529253) 11.00 Late Show with Lesterman

044475) 12.00 His Max (8102128) SKY NEWS the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **SKY MOVIES**

6.00am Oh, Heavenly Dog! (1960) (34738068) 7.50 The Night of the Grizziy (1966) (86513901) 8.30 Scout's Honor (1960): (79614123) 11.15 Man of La Manche Harra (2000Eth 2) 1 2000 06 (1990) (79614123) 11.15 Man of La Mancia (1972) (89405017) 1.30pm Ofi-Hassenly Degi (1990) (59359475) 3.15 The Stateboard Kid (1993) (20360765) 5.00 Seasons of the Neart (1993) (85220) 7.00 Little Big League (1994) (36727) 2.00 Krightrider 2010 (1995) (1208) 10.30 The Neart Show (81104) 11.00 Judge Dradd (1995) (725291) 12.40em The Statemock Conserver (1995) 1985) (19 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00mm The Joy of Living (1938) (85814) 8.00 Braskout (1984) (55104) 9.00 Mr Horatio Kribbico (83456) 10.00 PB Gel

By (1950) (15659) 12.00 My Summer Story (1994) (85271) 2.00pm One Cooks, the Other Decent (1983) (279830) 3.40 Brestout (1984) (8222475) 4.45 Mr. Horatio Knibbles (7230849) 5.50 A Brother's Provise: The Dan Jansen Story (1994) (61373630) 7.30 US Top 10 (775450) 7.50 A View to a Kill (1985) (78320811) 10.00 A Low Down Dirty Shame (1994) (673388) 11.45 Emmanuelle II (1975) (290340) 1.20em Bad Boy Bubby (1994) (107925) 3.15 Murder or Memory? (1994) (320079) 4.50 hambel (1986) (3517706) Ivanhoe (1986) (3517708) SKY MOVIES GOLD

6,00pm Spencer's Mountain (1953) (8343096) 8.00 All of Me (1984) (8348543) 10.00 Hard to Kill (1980) (7918494) 11.40 Cry Freedom (1987) (89539630) 2.20em Supervisates (1975) (2256215) 4.16-5.40 Return of the Bad Men (1948) (63641673) 9.00pm The Rese and the Jacksi (1990) (68608814) 11.00 Key Largo (1948) (71242814) 12.45km They Were Expend-able (1945) (51916383) 3.05-5.00 The Rose and the Jacksi (1990) (62003166)

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00am Sports Centre (92307) 7.30 Wresting (11098) 8.30 Raying News (89393) 9.00 Sports Centre (99479) 9.30 Aerobics Cz Style (18551) 10.00 European Tour Golf Magazine (45901) 10.30 Live Golf Cannes Opan (95652) 12.30 Inside the PGA Tour (2475) 3.00 Live Golf Cannes Opan (75475) 5.00 Sports Centre (6746) 5.30 Live Cincle (76475) 5.00 Sports Centre (6746) 5.30 Live Cincle (1948) 10.30 Tight Lines (90494) 11.30 Tight Lines (90494) 11.30 Tight Lines (90494) 11.30 Tight Centre (1955) [66727] **12.30am** Sports Certino (11895) **1.00** US Golf MCI Heritage Classoc [87596] **2.00-3.30** Sports Certino (57857)

SKY SPORTS 2 8.00pm Tight Lines (4853185) 9.00 Foot-8.00pm Tight Lines (4853)185) 9.00 Foot-half League Review (4873949) 10.00 Spenish Football (4876036) 11.00 Bobby Chartton's Football Scrapbook (9473907) 12.30am-1.00 Second Imilings (4465514)

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Coca-Cola Cup Rnal Leicaster City v Middlesbrough (14682939) 1.30 ICC Tro-phy (14689949) 4.00 Futbol Mundal (4229982) 4.30 Grass Roots Rugoy

(42225994) 3-30 Writing (21 1659) 6-30 Sky Sporis Centre (4221659) 6-30 Netrosters (42290611) 7-30 Golf. MCI Hentage Classec (50670098) 9-00 Golf **EUROSPORT**

7.30am Cycling (19630) 9.00 Motorcycling Melysian Grand Phi (10388) 10.00 Motors Magazina (95494) 11.00 Raily OPTIC 2005 Majacme (95494) 11.00 Raily OPTIC 2000 (75530) 12.00 Freeride Magazine (78253) 12.30 pm Mountain Bilang: World Cup (38123) 1.00 Tennis: Troteo Conde de Godo — Live (437705) 5.00 Marial Arts (6479) 6.00 Swimming: Short Course World Championships — Live (98920) 8.00 Boung, Viyeni Bungu vi Kennedy McKamboy (52479) 8.00 Tractor Pulling: Indoor (86185) 10.00 FA Cup Clessic — Liverpool v Manchesser Util 1977 (89272) 11.00 Saling (61988) 11.30 Freende Magazine (36253) 12.00-12.30em Sam Magazine (12012) UK GOLD

7.00am Tellystack (1257746) 7,35 Neighbours (5828123) 8,00 Crossroads (3826340) 8,25 EastEnders (5267562) 9,00 DOWN (885-220) 2.20 Con't Want Up (1759843) 10.00 Never the Twent (990456) 10.30 The Ball (5831122) 9.30 Con't Want Up (1759843) 10.00 Never the Twent (990456) 10.30 The Suffixers (5136974) 11.00 Casualty (88055185) 12.05pm Crossroeds (47724348) 12.30 Neighbours (3654479) 1.00 Eastenders (8244669) 1.25 No Place Upc Home (4215758) 2.10 A Little Bit of Emery (46190663) 2.20 Three Up. Two Down (88852620) 2.20 A Little Bit of Emery (46190663) 2.20 Three Up. Two Down (88852620) 2.20 A Little Bit of Emery (8646233) 2.55 'Alto 'Alfo! (6130348) 3.30 The Bit (2979543) 4.00 All Creatures Great and Small (5740369) 5.00 Bruce Forsyll's Generation Game (30041962) 6.05 East-Enders (4065982) 8.40 Sylves (1560814) 7.20 Russ Abbot (4730543) 7.50 Rising Damp (4430949) 8.25 in Sickness and in Health (8801494) 9.00 The Bit (5739553) Health (8601494) 9.00 The Bit (5739253) 9.30 The Equalizer (9064630) 10.30 Bottom 9,30 | Pe Equative (Subset) (120,2494) 11,10 The Young Ones (3536746) 11,50 Alexal Sayle's Sulti (4081727) 12,35am The Best of Top of the Pops (5650673) 1.05 Hoote and the Blowlish in Profile (6580760) 1.25 Marri

GRANADA PLUS 6,00am krypton Factor (5479475) 6,30 Greham's Ark (23261098) 6,50 Josie Smith 7804751 7.00 Classic Coronation S (4858123) 7.30 Femiles (4837630) 8.00 Surprise Surprise (4679543) 9.00 The Professionals (5488123) 10.00 Krypton

Vice (3133925) 2.15 Shopping (28173944)



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Road to 2006 starts in Geneva

FA seeks fair contest over World Cup bid

ENGLAND will kick off its bid far the 2006 World Cup today, confident that it is following the statutes of Fifa, which allows more than one candidate from the same continent to apply to stage the

England and Germany will meet Uefa, the governing body of European football, in Geneva to see whether there is any way to solve the problem of both nations seeking to host the competition.

Neither country will be formally presenting its applica-tion. However, the Uefa executive committee will discuss with officials of the countries how to reconcile their

Two months ago Uefa agreed to withdraw its unequivocal support for Germany and to hold an elimination process to endorse its choice. The meeting today will consider how to begin that

Uefa backed Germany in 1993 because it was, at that time, the only candidate. However, after the successful staging of the 1996 European championship in England, the Football Association announced that it would be seeking to bring the global tournament back to the birthplace of football for the first

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1998 that Fifa, the world governing body, will invite candidatures from all member countries except those in Asia. which will stage the 2002 tournament in Japan and

South Korea. The decisive vote

for 2006 will take place in June

Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said yesterday: "Our aim in Geneva will be to make sure that Uefa fully understands why they should hear our application. No one wants the competition to get out of hand, but to prevent a fair contest is not the way forward. We presume everyone wants the best bid. All bids have to have fair and

democratic consideration." Neither Uefa nor Fifa want

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a repetition of the bitter infighting between Japan and South Korea for the 2002 World Cup. Asked if the question of England and Germany co-hosting the 2006 competition would be raised today, Kelly said: "I have no expectation of that happening. Fila has made it clear that at the moment it is not looking for joint bids."

The FA will be represented by Kelly, Keith Wiseman, the chairman, Pat Smith, the deputy chief executive, Alex McGiven, the bid director, and David Davies, the director of external affairs.

The FA received widespread praise for its staging of Euro %, which made a record profit for Uefa of more than £60 million. Many of the facilities in England are superior to those in Germany, where some of the stadiums are crumbling and others require modernisation. Wembley will also be rebuilt by 2006 into what is hoped will be the most technically advanced sports venue in the world.

However, there are still many obstacles to clear. Germany has far more influence in Uefa's executive committee, on which England does not have a member. Gerhard Aigner, the general secretary of Uefa, is German.

After the committee's initial support of Germany, it is questionable whether any bidding process can be reached that is fair to both countries and is also seen to be fair.

If the Football Association

is not satisfied with this process, it has reserved the right to put its case to Fifa direct. Germany are candidates, it would split the European vote.

it is also by no means certain that a European country will win the right to stage the 2006 tournament. With France holding the 1998 World Cup and Asia the 2002 competition, the 2006 tournament might well go to Latin Ameri-ca, which has not staged it since Mexico in 1986, or Africa, which has never hosted the

Europe, though, has the advantage in terms of countries with suitable facilities to stage a tournament at present comprising 32 finalists, and is also particularly attractive for marketing purposes.

Gascoigne running out of time

PAUL GASCOIGNE, the Rangers midfield player, looks certain to miss England's World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia at Wembley in a formight. Unless Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, is prepared to take a gamble on his fitness. Gascoigne will have to wait for the May 31 trip to Poland for a possible

England return.
Gascoigne played for the first time since January 25 when he went on for the last 20 minutes in the 6-0 Bell's Scottish League premier division win over Raith Rovers at Stark's Park on Tuesday.

However, Dundee United's Tennents Scottish Cup semifinal replay against Kilmar-nock next Tuesday has denied Gascoigne the chance of a 90-minute outing next week. Rangers were due to visit Tannadice on Wednesday, but the match has had to be postponed. With Rangers not now in action again until May 5. Gascoigne will not have a chance to show Hoddle that he has recovered full fitness.

England are understood to have been represented at Kirkcaldy on Tuesday night, but Hoddle's representative will have learnt little with Rangers 5-0 up when Gascoigne went on, although he did create the final goal for Ally McCoist.

Rangers were yesterday reported to have expressed an interest in signing Taribo West, 23, the Nigeria defender, from Auxerre, of France, and Dante Poli, 20, the Chile defender, from Universidad for its mediation in the matter, which is now closed." Blake accused Gould of

making racist remarks during a series of incidents over several years. After the 3-i World Cup defeat by Holland at the National Stadium in October, Blake said that Gould had made defamatory comments about Pierre van

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Hooijdonk, the black Dutch striker, who had scored twice.

sion of an apology and clear He also declined to take a on with the job that I'm paid to explanation of the events. The place on the substitutes' bench do." FAW wishes to thank the PFA for the game against Belgium, for its mediation in the matter, which Wales lost 2-1, and declared that he would not play again for his country while Gould was in charge. It was only after the intervention of the PFA that Blake finally

"acknowledged" Gould's apo-Gould has always mainrained his innocence. Though he accepted that the incidents took place, he claimed that his comments were misinterpreted. Anti-Gould factions within the FAW believed that the controversial issue could lead

for now. "I won't be taking it as a vote something like that is said, the l've been cleared, I'm delight-

Australia's captain rejects calls for his resignation By OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARK TAYLOR, the Austra MARK TATLOR, the Austra-lia cricket captain, yesterday rejected calls from Dennis Lillee and Terry Alderman, match-winning bowlers for their country, to stand down because of his poor batting

Taylor, back in Sydney after a successful tour of South Africa, where Australia won the Test series 2-1 and the oneday internationals 4-3, said that he was not about to quit and hoped to lead the 17-man party to tour England, which will be announced today.

The selectors told me not to stand down and I won't be standing down," Taylor said. "I'm a little disappointed the focus has been on Mark Taylor and not on the team. Every second report seemed to be about me and not of the great performances by the team in South Africa."

Taylor, who has been under treatment for a long-term back complaint, said that he was looking forward to three weeks' rest before the party to defend the Ashes leaves for

Spirited Oxford

England on May 10. "I had some input [into selection] two or three weeks ago when Trevor Hohns [the chairman of selectors] came over to South Africa," Taylor said. "1 will find out tomorrow, along with the rest of you, whether I'm in the team."

Taylor was supported by his deputy, Ian Healy, the wicketkeeper, who said on his arrival in Brisbane that Taylor would definitely be selected for

the Ashes tour. Healy said that the players remained firmly behind Tay-lor and they all hoped that he could end the poor run of form that has seen him fail to pass 50 in 20 innings. He stood down from the last of the oneday matches against South

"Everyone knows that he needs to make runs and he needs to bat better," Healy said, "but the team really hasn't got a problem with it and we're all hoping and praying that he'll come good

pretty soon." Australia have won the past four Ashes series in convinc-



Having been cleared yesterday of making racist remarks, Gould can now concentrate on footballing matters

Gould cleared of racism charge

ue as manager of Wales, at least until his contract expires in December. The general council of the Pootball Association of Wales (FAW) met in Wrexham yesterday and cleared Gould of making racist remarks to Nathan Blake, the black Wales and Bolton

Wanderers striker. Though the decision was not unexpected, the FAW fell noticeably short of enthusing, about Gould's future beyond the end of the year, when Wales's disappointing World Cup qualifying campaign is concluded. In a statement, it said: The council wishes to state that it abhors any sort of racism and wishes to place on record its continuing support for the Kick Racism Out Of

Football campaign.
The council has given due consideration to the remarks made by Mr Gould and has also taken into consideration a letter from Mr Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association [PFA], expressing his admira-tion for Mr Gould's expres-

Chelsea's target

Matters reached a head during preparations for the game against Belgium, again in Cardiff, last month. When Gould handed out coloured bibs for training, he told Blake that he was "in the blacks". Blake complained to Neville Southall, the Everton goalkeeper and part-time Wales coach and, though Gould subsequently apologised for any misunderstanding, Blake re-

to his downfall, but the pro-Gould lobby won the day ...

of confidence because, when manager usually gets the sack," Gould said yesterday. ed, but I knew in my own mind I had done nothing wrong.

"I'm glad it's all over, for myself and especially for my family. They, too, have suffered a lot over the past few weeks. I now just want to get pused to be

Gordon Taylor, of the PFA,

said: "When we approached

Bobby, he gave a full apology.

He also made a personal

apology to Nathan before the

other Wales players. We believe the FAW made the

proper response and that is

the end of the matter. This is a

delicate situation. Anti-racism

is an educational process for

both managers and players. It

is a matter of creating respect

and we hope incidents like this

become a thing of the past."

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Temporary tanks adding to swimming's pool resources

fused to accept it.

LAST WEEK it staged ice hockey, next week the eques-trian World Cup final will be held there, but, for now, the Scandinavium is a 100,000-torne world championship swimming pool -- and a leaky one at that.

The fastest-built pool in history — it was erected in 67½ hours — is made of stain-less steel with a plastic floor that lets through one of nearly a million litres of water every

day.
"Will it leak? Sure it will." Peter Wangmark, the owner of Invarmex Steel, the company that built the pool, said.
"It's got 2,000 screws and the
plastic floor is not absolutely watertight. It's like skin. A thousand times more water will go over the side — and filter back — when the swimmers dive in than through the

A team of divers inspects each screw and joint every day "to reassure the citizens of Gothenburg" and, presum-ably, the 750 competitors who might otherwise imagine their performances going down the plughole at the world short-course championCraig Lord reports on the technology

making waves at the world championships

The tank was filled in just nine hours by the Gothen-burg fire brigade, which pumped 922,400 litres of water from the Valhalla Olympic pool next door. After the championships close on Sun-day, the water will be dechlorinated before being released into the Avagen stream that runs alongside the 12,000-seat Scandinavium.

What delights swimming authorities about such pools is that they need not be constrained by the size of a venue, the seating capacity can be whatever is needed and the site wherever wanted Copacabana Beach, Hyde Park, or the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, which the British authorities have discussed as a venue for a future international

championship. The temporary tank also means that host cities need

not sink up to £5 million or so into building a permanent new competition venue. A pool such as the one here in Gothenburg would cost about £320,000 to build, but Invarmex Steel, which has built 250 stainless steel pools in northern Europe, has rented its pool to the Swedish

Swittening Federation for just £100,000. The walls of the tank, made by Avesta Sheffield, are seriously heavy and can support three tonnes per square metre. Similar pools have been built at Cotsgrove, in Nottingham, Canary Wharf, in London Docklands, and a private home overlooking Regents Park, the latter also having a moveable glass floor that raises from the pool bottom to form a dance floor when

required Expressing his delight, Wangmark said: "Gothenburg is a world record for erecting and filling a swimming pool." How did he know that? "We've only got one competitor — and the Italians don't work so fast ... " Over to you, Italy.

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